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SOVIET AIRMEN SURRENDER TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

THE NEWSPAPER "Nyadagligt Allehanda" reports from Helsinki that 14 Soviet pilots surrendered to the Finns with their planes.

The surrender came as a result of the scattering by Finnish planes over Russian positions of "bomb-phlets" promising good treatment to deserters and a reward for war material delivered.

Meanwhile the Soviet authorities have ordered the laying of mines off the Oesel and Dago Islands.

These islands command the southern approaches to the Gulf of Bothnia and Gulf of Finland; they belong to Estonia but are garrisoned by Red troops in accordance with the provisions of the recently signed Soviet-Estonian mutual assistance pact. — Havas.

COMMANDER DISMISSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Helsinki, To-day.

The commander of the Red Baltic Fleet is reported to have been dismissed on account of the poor results achieved in the Finnish conflict. — Havas.

SCHOOLBOYS ENROL

Stockholm, To-day.

Six thousand Finnish school-boys, too young to serve with the Finnish army, have enrolled as volunteers in the battle to Sweden, said yesterday. Many of these, he said, have already given their lives for their country. — Reuter.

RADIO SILENCE

Moscow, To-day.

The Moscow radio yesterday ignored the war in Finland. — Reuter.

fore January 1, 1940, without being liable to seizure. — Havas.

SANYO MARU SAILING POSTPONED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The departure of the Japanese steamer Sanyo Maru, which was considered to be the test ship for the British blockade of German exports, will be postponed until the conclusion of negotiations which are taking place between the British and Japanese authorities for the settlement of minor details of procedure.

There is no question of interfering with the ship, it is now understood, as the export German cargo in its hold was bought before November 27 from a neutral exporter.

It can, therefore, be transported be-

FRENCH ARMY'S HUGE TASK COMPLETED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

THE FRENCH COMMAND has released some particulars in connection with fortification work effected since the beginning of the war.

Barbed wire entanglements are so abundant that if they were strung together in a 12-foot wide barrage it would extend uninterruptedly for over 3,000 miles.

Spade-work on trenches and dug-outs would be sufficient for the excavation of a canal 150 miles long and wide enough and deep enough for important ships.

The concrete used in the fortifications is sufficient for the construction of a wall 500 miles long.

BIGGEST TASK EVER

More mathematically still, the French Army—in what is described as the biggest task ever undertaken by an army—placed 18,500,000 metres of barbed wire, dug out 14,500,000 cubic metres of earth and used 700,000 cubic metres of concrete.

Now millions of mobilized Frenchmen are engaged in new tasks for further strengthening the country's defences and ensuring a smooth continuation of economic life behind the strongest frontier defence the world has ever known. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: North-east winds, fresh rain.

WESTERN FRONT PARALYSED

Paris, To-day.

Bad weather and the extreme cold have practically paralysed action on the Western Front during the past day or so, particularly of heavy artillery and aircraft.

There is the usual patrol activity, however, and a German raiding party which reached the French lines south of Sarreguemines was repulsed with hand grenades. — Reuter.

NEUTRAL VESSEL MISSING

COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY.

GRAVE FEARS ARE FELT FOR THE SAFETY OF 185 PASSENGERS, MANY OF THEM POLISH REFUGEES, WHO SAILED FROM TALLIN, ESTHONIA, ON SATURDAY IN THE 1,181-TON S.S. ESTONIA.

The ship has not been heard of since.

She was due at Stockholm at noon on Sunday, and it is now feared that

NAZIS ASK FOR RED PLANES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

According to press reports, important conversations recently took place in Berlin between the Soviet Ambassador and high Nazi officials, including Hitler.

It is reported that the Germans requested direct military aid from the Soviet, but asked that such aid be limited to the sending of Soviet planes to Germany.

The German High Command appears anxious to avoid contact between Nazi and Soviet troops owing to the danger of Communist propaganda which has been evidenced in Poland. — Havas.

MR. KATO TO MEET AMERICAN ENVOY

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, Japanese Minister-at-large in China, is leaving Shanghai to-morrow for Peiping, where he will call on the United States Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson.

According to a Chinese report the two envoys will resume discussion of Japanese-American problems in the Far East. — Reuter.

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TO-MORROW "THERE'S THAT WOMAN AGAIN"

"FINLAND MUST BE SAVED NOW," SAYS "THE TIMES"

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH PRESS yesterday continued its anti-Soviet attitude but also continued to draw attention to the fact that Hitlerism is the real enemy. The views of "The Times" are typical.

Discussing the League session, "The Times" says that much can and must be done by other countries to help Finland.

It would only need a small portion of the resources of Britain and France to enable Finland to triumph in the air and, therefore, in her defence.

If Finland is to be saved, she must be saved now.

YES — IF

The present war, continues "The Times," would come to a speedy end if every League member took up arms in the event of one of their number being attacked—but this is an ideal of League action most unlikely to be reached.

It would be foolish for the Allies to take any action which would weaken their plans in the war against Germany.—Reuter.

FOOLS NO ONE

Paris, To-day.

The French press takes the view that Germany is as much to blame as Russia.

"Figaro" says that the German attempt to play the innocent and bring the world's condemnation on Russia's shoulders alone fools no one. It is entirely due to Germany that there is now a war in Finland and that Eastern Europe is now the prey of Bolshevism.

"Excelsior," too, blames Berlin, while M. Blum, writing in "Le Populaire," says it is absurd to bring a crusade against Stalin alone; Hitler is equally guilty.—Reuter.

ENGINEER FINED

P. J. Gibbison, 32, described as a marine engineer, was this morning fined \$20 at the Central Police Court for disorderly conduct and using abusive language at the Star Ferry

KING'S MESSAGE TO B.E.F.

London, To-day.

The King, on arrival back in England following his visit to the B.E.F. in France, has sent the following message to General Viscount Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief:

"It has given me the greatest pleasure to visit the troops under your command in France, and the days I have been able to spend among them have been full of interest, for I had an opportunity of seeing something of the conditions in which they are living and the work on which they are engaged.

"I am satisfied that the British soldier of to-day is at least equal to his predecessor, both in efficiency and spirit.

"I send best wishes to all ranks of the B.E.F. and assure them of the complete and unfailing confidence placed in them by their fellow-countrymen."—Reuter.

Wharf yesterday morning.

Defendant pleaded guilty and apologised to the parties concerned.

Inspector Hallan stated that at about 11.30 a.m. yesterday, defendant was in a drunken condition and used abusive language to Captain W. Perritt and Mrs. M. Clark.

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PLAINTIFF GIVES EVIDENCE

THE ALLEGED FORGED MORTGAGE CASE WAS CONTINUED AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, WHEN CHAN SIK-TIN, THE SECOND PLAINTIFF, GAVE EVIDENCE.

Plaintiffs were Chan Fui-hing, Chan Shik-tin and Chan Kwok-nin and they asked the Court (1) for a declaration that the two mortgages were forgeries (2) a declaration that defendant had no right in nor was entitled to the property; (3) rectification of the Register of the Land Office; (4) an account of all rents and profits relating to the property and received by the defendant since he entered into possession; and (5) an injunction against defendant from collecting or receiving the rents or otherwise acting as mortgagee of the property.

Mr. Elden Potter, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, instructed by Mr. C. D'Almada, are for the plaintiffs. Defendant, Fung Kai-sun, is represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson.

Chan Sik-tin said that he was 48 years of age and was co-owner of the property in dispute. He had paid \$35,000 for his share of the property and signed two documents to obtain possession of same.

He was entrusted with the title deeds of the property till 1932 while he was manager of the Kwong Fook Shing firm, but on the business closing down he handed over the deeds to Chan Chung-wan, who is the elder brother of the third plaintiff. This man collected the rent and rendered a statement of accounts annually.

SIGNATURE DENIED

Since the firm closed down he had been living in the country. He was suffering from lameness and had had treatment in Shanghai and was much better now. He had no other property in Hong Kong but had houses worth \$12,000 in Shau Tau district and shops worth \$25,000. He also had a \$5,000 share in a firm in the country.

He purchased the property in Hong Kong as he desired a better return for his money.

In June he found that \$210 was outstanding on the rent returns and on arrival in Hong Kong he sent a man to enquire and was told that the tenants were in arrears with the rent.

He became suspicious and instructed his solicitors to make enquiries and was informed that the property had been mortgaged. On being shown the documents in relation to the mortgage he denied that the signature on the documents was his.

The case is continuing.



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STOLE FROM FELLOW LODGER

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Kwan, 32, unemployed, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when found guilty of the theft of a gold bangle and \$20 in money from No. 6, Star Street, third floor, the property of a Chinese woman, Kwok Fel-king.

It was said that defendant resided in the same premises, took the article during her absence, and pawned it for \$30. Defendant went back to the country and was apprehended yesterday when he was alleged to have assaulted the complainant.

Defendant was also ordered to pay \$50 compensation or a further three months' imprisonment.

DANCE HOSTESS'S LOSS

Appearing before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, Wong Liang-siu, 24, unemployed, was charged with stealing a gold bangle, and a handbag containing \$10.30 in money, and \$20 worth of dance tickets from a dance hostess, Wong Nui-kuen, of No. 29, King Kong Street, at Wongneichung Road on Sunday.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Hearing of the case was fixed for 2.30 p.m. on December 20. Detective Inspector W. N. Darkins is in charge of the case.

GERMAN WOMEN FINED

Two German women, Mrs. Hieh Zon Hou, 27, and Mrs. Lee Gunda, 25, of Berlin, of No. 169, King's Road, were brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were charged with failing to report change of address within a week of removal on October 13.

It was said that defendants formerly resided at Chung Tin Terrace, and moved to King's Road.

Defendants were fined \$15 each.

AUSTRIAN EXPELLED

An expulsion order was this morning made by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Police Court against an Austrian, Israel Seigfried Streicher, 19, who was charged with entering the Colony without a valid passport.

Streicher was also placed on a bond of \$50 for one year for stowing away from Shanghai yesterday on board the s.s. Tjinegara.

Defendant stated he intended to go to Manila but was caught by the second officer after the ship left Shanghai.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Two suspects have been arrested by the police in connection with the robbery at the residence of Mr. C. P. Chen, an official attached to the Chungking Government, yesterday morning.

The "China Mail" understands that an identification parade will be held at the Shamshuipo Police Station this afternoon.

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WHITES FLY FROM SOVIETS

Crakow, To-day.
The Nazi-Soviet commission here is meeting with difficulties. The Germans refuse to hand over Ukrainian Nationalists and White Russians who have fled into German-occupied Poland.

Thousands of German families are waiting on the Russian side of the frontier to pass into German territory.—Reuter.

AMERICAN CREDITS FOR FINNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
With President Roosevelt's approval the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Export and Import Bank have granted Finland \$10,000,000 credits to purchase "surplus agricultural products and other non-military goods" from the United States.

It is understood that similar credits in favour of Norway are being examined.

The Finnish Minister, M. Procope, declared he did not know exactly what goods Finland was purchasing, though he added Finland was using the full amount of the credits.—Havas.

In a friendly hockey match played at King's Park yesterday, the Royal Scots 2nd XI beat Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" XI by three clear goals. Lt. Gibson, Lang, and Hitchcock netted for the Royal Scots.

LEAGUE ASKS RUSSIA AND FINLAND TO STOP FIGHTING: NEGOTIATION PROPOSED

Geneva, To-day.

THE COUNCIL OF THE League met yesterday morning to consider Finland's appeal.

The Norwegian delegate, M. Hambro, was elected president and said:—

"We are here to listen to the appeal of a member state threatened by another and which is defending with impressive heroism its rights to liberty and even its existence."

It was up to the League to see that every effort was made to bring about a better world.

Although Soviet Russia was not present, 40 of the 53 states which are members sent delegates. Fourteen documents were presented by Finland as background for its appeal and these were issued by the Secretary-General; they were the texts of the notes between Finland and Russia from October 14 to November 29.

LEAVING IT TO INDIVIDUAL

Some of the South American states suggest that Russia should be excluded, but expulsion requires an unanimous vote and certain members — including China — are unwilling to take such a step.

This, it is thought, will not prevent a condemnation of Soviet Russia and it is expected that the final resolution will leave it open to League members to take any action they think fit to help Finland, a procedure followed in the case of China's appeal against Japan. — Reuter.

"DO YOUR DUTY"

Geneva, To-day.

The Finnish delegate, M. Holsti, addressing the League Assembly, said all he wanted was to ask the League if it was possible for all civilisation to help Finland.

That sympathy which has been shown throughout the world should be put in concrete form, he said.

M. Holsti concluded: "Do your duty to the Finnish people as they are doing theirs, and doing it heavily with blood."—Reuter.

COMMITTEE OF 13

Geneva, To-day.

The committee appointed to examine the Finnish appeal comprises 13 countries—Uruguay, France, the United Kingdom, Bolivia, Ireland, Egypt, Portugal, Venezuela, Siam, Sweden, Norway, Canada and India.—Reuter.

STOP THE WAR PROPOSAL

Geneva, To-day.

The committee of thirteen, which includes Poland, met privately immediately after its appointment, under Sweden, and despatched telegrams to Moscow and Helsinki, proposing the immediate cessation of hostilities.

The proposal was supported by the delegates of Eire, France and some other countries.

M. Holsti (Finland) said the Finnish Government had already accepted the League's mediation.

NO ILLUSION

Mr. R. A. Butler (Britain) said the committee must be under no illusion as regards the result of their efforts.

It was on Mr. Butler's proposal that a time-limit be fixed for a reply.

Meanwhile, he suggested the commission should continue its labours and draft a resolution as though the appeal was not hanging in the balance. This was agreed.—Reuter.

24 HOURS FOR REPLY

Geneva, To-day.

The committee appointed to consider Finland's appeal has decided to send telegrams to Moscow and Helsinki proposing the immediate cessation of hostilities, to be followed by peace negotiations under the auspices of the League.

A period of 24 hours was given to both parties for a reply.

MOVING APPEAL

Addressing the Assembly, M. Holsti said Finland wanted more than sympathy and tears. She had shed enough of her own.

In the face of aggression they needed more than sympathy.

"We are fighting a battle for the defence of the rights of man, and we ask for the help of all men of goodwill."

RESOLUTION NO HELP

"We cannot defend our people against the shells and gas of our aggressors by a mere international resolution."

PIT BOY EXPLORES NAZI "LINE"

George Thornton, eighteen-year-old Sheffield pit boy, explored eighty miles of the Siegfried Line during the summer—just out of curiosity. It was not until they were about to cross into Belgium that he and his friend were noticed.

He did not realise that what he had seen might be valuable until he mentioned it to an ex-officer.

A day or two later Government officers called upon Thornton and got from him every detail of his holiday experiences.

Now he realises he is lucky not to be a prisoner in Germany.

CAMERA CONFISCATED

He said that at the frontier the Germans searched every corner of their car. Each article of clothing was minutely examined and even the spare tyre was deflated to make sure that nothing was secreted inside.

Their camera and some exposed films were taken from them.

"We had arranged that when we stopped anywhere in the Siegfried Line we should pretend we had a breakdown," Thornton said. "While my friend stayed with the car with the bonnet up, pretending to be looking at the engine, I did a bit of exploring."

WHAT TO KNIT FOR TOMMY

If you wish to knit for the troops, but are uncertain what to do or how to do it, consult this list.

Gloves: Colour, khaki or near shade; width across palm 4 to 4½ in.; overall length, 10½ to 11½ in.; materials, three-ply wheeling or double knitting.

Mittens: Colour, khaki or near shade; width across palm, 4½ to 5 in.; overall length 9 in.; length of rib cuff 4 in.; thumb opening, formed by a row of stitching 1 in. deep; material, three-ply wheeling or double knitting.

Cap comforters: Colour, khaki or near shade; width, 8½ in.; length, 32 in.; knitted tubular, and closed at each end; material, three-ply fingering.

Jerseys: Colour, khaki or near shade; width of body, 18 to 20 in.; length of body, 25 to 26 in.; length of sleeves, 22 to 23 in.; knitted with V. neck; material, three or four-ply wool fingering.

Socks: Colour, Army grey or khaki, grey preferred; length of leg, 14 to 15 in.; length of foot, 10½ to 11 in.; width, 14½ in.; knitted with rib top and plain leg and foot; material, three-ply wheeling or four or five-ply fingering.

Scarves: Length, 48 in.; width, 9½ in. circular neck, colour, khaki or near shade.

If you help us, all men will bless you as the defenders of civilisation."

M. Holsti then quoted from speeches made from the stage about the invasion of Poland, the Soviet invasion of Finland, and the aggression by other countries. He said that the League of Nations was a weak and impotent body.

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TEST CASE SHIP LEAVES TO-DAY

Rotterdam, To-day.
The Japanese s.s. Sanyo Maru is to leave Rotterdam to-day.

Her captain states that the Japanese shipping authorities told him to stay here until to-day—when the Allied seizure of Nazi exports comes into effect.

From Tokyo comes news that a Japanese Foreign Office spokesman said that it was hoped that there would be no difficulty on account of the ship's cargo.—Reuter.

PUPPET LEADER CAPTURED

Chungking To-day.
A Chinese despatch from Foochow yesterday, received here to-day, states that in the fighting for Chaoan, which the Chinese reported having recaptured on December 7, "an important puppet leader named Lin Chi-yuan was captured by Chinese troops."

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese had intended to set up a puppet government in Fukien with Lin Chi-yuan as head of the civil administration.—Reuter.

DRIFTER MINED

LONDON, TO-DAY.
FOUR MEN WERE KILLED AND FIVE ARE MISSING AS A RESULT OF THE MINING OF THE NAVAL DRIFTER RAY OF HOPE OFF THE EAST COAST ON SUNDAY AFTER-NOON.

The only three survivors were landed yesterday. A few were slightly injured, but there were no serious casualties.

They drifted about in a small boat for several hours before they sighted a light-ship. They remained at the light-ship until they were picked up by a lifeboat. — Reuter.

HITLER REVELATIONS

"WE MUST RULE EUROPE OR FALL APART AS A NATION"

London, To-day.

GREAT INTEREST AROSE by the publication of the book "Hitler Speaks," by Hermann Rauschning, former Nazi President of the Danzig Senate, whose previous work "Revolution of Destruction" made a considerable impression here.

The new book is widely reviewed and is the subject of a leading article in the "Manchester Guardian." The book deals with intimate conversations with Hitler between 1932 and 1934 and the opportunism of Nazi foreign policy is startlingly demonstrated.

"The Times" review says that by making clear the implications of "Mein Kampf" and exposing the monstrosity of Hitlerism, Herr Rauschning has performed a service to every European.

The "Manchester Guardian" says: "In this book we can see into the mind of this remarkable and dangerous man, Hitler, and understand still better the forces behind his energy and ambition."

A noteworthy passage dealing with Hitler's attitude towards the Russians in relation to Germany's ideal of world conquest, shows that already in 1934 he discussed the partition of Poland and was considering a Russian alliance, although he recognised the complete possibilities of the partnership.

ALL THE WAY OR NOTHING

"That is the real danger," Hitler once said, "either you go with them all the way or you leave them strictly alone."

"The danger for us is that we may finally lose our identity as a nation. Perhaps I shall be unable to avoid an alliance with Russia. I shall keep that as my trump card."

Hitler also said: "We must rule Europe or fall apart as a nation."

"In the centre I shall place the steely core of Greater Germany, and then Austria, Bohemia, Moravia, Western Poland and then an Eastern

alliance — Poland, the Baltic States, Hungary, the Balkans, Ukraine, the Volga Basin and Georgia."

CONQUERING THE EMPIRE

In these conversations Hitler declared his agents can cripple the United States by a revolution, split France in two, turn Brazil into a German State and then conquer the British Empire by way of attacks on Holland, Belgium and Sweden.

"The day of the small States is past. There will be no such thing as neutrality."

Declaring that he would invade Sweden, Hitler said: "I should tell them we have no wish to conquer them but want only an alliance which is entirely neutral and would be openly desired." — British Wireless.

JUNK PIRACY

A junk piracy occurred on Sunday south of the San Mun Customs Station, according to a report made to the police last night.

Cheung Tin-tai, master of fishing junk No. 5663HC, reported that at noon on Sunday whilst sailing some five miles south of the San Mun Customs Station, his junk was stop-

UNIQUE HONOUR FOR B.E.F.

LONDON, TO-DAY.
AN ORDER OF THE DAY ISSUED BY THE COMMANDER OF BRITISH TROOPS IN THE MAGINOT LINE BEGINS: "YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO GO INTO ACTION AS THE VANGUARD OF THE BRITISH ARMY."

"We shall be in the closest touch with our Allies who extend to us a very warm welcome."

"Unless everyone had done his duty since our arrival in France this unique honour would not have been conferred upon you."—Reuter.

CHEKIANG AND HUNAN AIR RAIDS

Chungking, To-day.
Japanese bombing squadrons displayed unusual activity over Chekiang, and Hunan yesterday.

In Chekiang, they raided Lishui, Chuhsien, Tuncu and Fengchiao in Chuki, dropping scores of deadly missiles.

Over 30 civilians were killed and wounded and over 100 houses demolished in Fengchiao, while in Tuncu several casualties were inflicted and some 40 houses destroyed.

No serious damage was caused in Chuhsien and Lishui.

Nine hostile aircraft attacked Anhwa in central Hunan in relays. Chienyang, Hwayung and Yiyang were also visited by a scouting machine. — Central News.

ped by a Hoklo type craft. Six men, armed with revolvers, rifles and daggers, boarded and, after attacking Cheung and his fokis with the rifle butts, forced them into one of the holds.

They then transferred 200 catties of fish, clothing and money to their own boat and sailed away.

Total loss suffered by Cheung and his fokis was said to be \$150.

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ESCAPE OF THE ORZEL

Thrilling Story Of Polish Submarine Exploit

SAFE IN ENGLAND AFTER SERIES OF ADVENTURES

London, To-day.

A THRILLING ACCOUNT of the escape of the Polish submarine Orzel from the Baltic to England became available in London yesterday. Here is a general outline:—

When Germany invaded Poland, the Orzel slipped out of Gdynia and cruised, submerged, in the Gulf of Danzig for four days. It was not long before she was bombed by German aircraft and so she made for the wider waters of the Baltic, dodging a cordon of Nazi destroyers on the way. The captain was a sick man before the trip started and he was so ill that he had to be hoisted to the conning-tower by rope. It was decided, as he grew worse, to land him at a neutral port, and so the submarine put in at the Estonian port of Tallin, where the First Lieutenant took command.

As a German merchantman was leaving port, the Estonia authorities made the submarine stay in port for another 24 hours. They then announced that the submarine had exceeded the time allowed under international law to remain in a neutral port and so she was under arrest!

The breech-blocks, charts and small arms were removed and preparations were made to take off the torpedoes. Two guards were put on the submarine, one on board and one on the jetty.

GUARDS OVERPOWERED

A Polish officer severed the wire holding the torpedoes out of the submarine and so operations were postponed. Meanwhile, the captain was busy with a hacksaw severing all the hawsers detaining the submarine except one.

A plan was worked out to overpower the guards and get away from Tallinn as quickly as possible. At midnight, two burly sailors approached the guard on the jetty, engaged him in conversation and, taking him unawares, bundled him into the submarine. The guard on board was also overpowered and an officer cut the wires to the searchlights and telephone.

FIRED AT

The sound of the forward capstan, however, gave them away and destroyers in the harbour turned on their searchlights and peppered the submarine with rifle fire. The Orzel made for the entrance to the harbour, where it ran aground.

Despite rifle fire, they managed to get out, and the Poles refused to torpedo the merchantman, which they passed en route.

Hunting craft set out after them, but the submarine managed to elude its pursuers. There were only five torpedoes left and the captain decided to search for German ships as long as the torpedoes lasted and then make for England.

MANY GROUNDINGS

They first landed the guards on a small island, sending out a radio message stating that the two men were safe.

For a fortnight, they cruised around, chiefly in shallow waters, in which they frequently grounded.

On the 38th day, when water supplies were running low, they decided to try and reach England, having a

narrow escape from Nazi destroyers in shallow water off the Swedish coast.

They had difficulty in getting the right trim, and their submarine at times was almost unmanageable. In addition, they frequently had to go down to the bottom to escape Nazi destroyers.

AFTER 44 DAYS

In the North Sea, their radio went out of action, so that they could put out no recognition signals, placing them at the mercy of both British and German anti-submarine craft.

Finally, however, they got a faint message through to a British shore station, and a British destroyer came out and escorted them triumphantly into harbour, after 44 days. The Orzel is now part of the Royal Navy. —Reuter.

NOT ASKED FOR PAROLE

In Tallin (adds British Wireless) they were not asked for parole and with the light of a lighthouse the only guide to navigation they fled submerged.

The next night the captain brought the submarine to the surface and charged the batteries.

They made for the Swedish coast, and when they sighted a flotilla of German destroyers the water was too shallow to attack with any chance of escape.

That night they arose to periscope depth and went ahead but soon afterwards grounded.

Getting afloat again and several times again grounding and extricating themselves, they grounded on the surface.

SEARCHLIGHT THRILLS

A searchlight from a destroyer time after time swung past within a few yards.

They realized they had floundered into a channel so shallow that the German did not bother to search it.

In desperation they blew all the tanks and refloated.

They attempted to creep away but were discovered and destroyers were after them.

They submerged and lay quiet at the bottom and next day decided to try a dash and set course for England.

When they arrived in England they had only three requests—to land the sick cook, replenish water supplies and be given breech blocks for their guns. They were then prepared to go to sea forthwith on whatever patrol it pleased the British Navy to employ them.—British Wireless.

FISHERY QUESTION AGITATION

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese press is again engaged with the fishery question.

One paper states that the view is rising in some quarters that if the Soviets continue in their present attitude Japan will take definite measures to look after her "northern rights."

The question might soon become a matter of serious concern. —Reuter.

CHINESE VICTORY IN FUKIEN

HINGNING, KWANGTUNG.

TO-DAY.

THE JAPANESE PUPPET TROOPS WHICH RECENTLY INVADED CHAOAN, A TOWN ON THE SOUTH FUKIEN BORDER, FROM EAST KWANGTUNG, HAVE BEEN ROUTED.

After the recapture of Chaoan on December 7, Chinese militia units in Fukien chased the enemy across the provincial border and after establishing contact with the Chinese troops in east Kwangtung, they delivered further blows.

The Japanese and puppet troops are now reported to be retiring to their warships anchored in Taichingwan Bay at the eastern tip of the Kwangtung coast.

It is estimated that at least 500 casualties were inflicted and 200 Japanese and puppet soldiers taken prisoner. In addition, numerous puppet troops surrendered.

A report from Yaoping, east Kwangtung, states that Huang Tawel, so-called commander of the Japanese-sponsored "National Reconstruction Army," who supports Wang Ching-wei and his "chief of staff" Lin Wen-yuan have been captured by militia units under the commander of Magistrate Chen of Yaoping.—Central News.

PAKHOI ATTACK IMMINENT

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

A surprise attack on Pakhoi is believed imminent and it is reported that some 2,000 Japanese troops are being withdrawn from the Kongmoon area to take part in the invasion.

These reports, however, could not be confirmed last night.

The French authorities are nevertheless taking precautions along the border.

Meanwhile, halted by the Chinese in the hills north of Nanning, the Japanese are now mainly occupied with attempting to clear the Yamchow-Nanning highway of guerrillas who have proved a constant source of worry since the Japanese landed.—Our Own Correspondent.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anti-cyclone covers China and Korea, and is extending eastward to Japan.

A depression appears to be forming in the south-west of Guam.

BRITAIN'S IMPROVING EXPORT POSITION

London, To-day.

Sales of British commercial vehicles abroad in the four months August-November were higher than the corresponding period in 1938.

Exports to Australia were up 39 per cent. and to the West Indies 45 per cent.

Orders from Holland of one make of car were up 61 per cent.

The increase in British competitive power is due, firstly, to the depreciation of Sterling, and secondly, to the risk of a petrol shortage throughout Europe which increases the demand for low-power cars, which are a speciality of British manufacture.

Another reason is the elimination of German competition on overseas markets. This hitherto has been severe owing to Germany also specialising in small cars and to her heavily subsidised exports. —Reuter.

SHANGHAI STRIKE SETTLED

Shanghai, To-day.

The Sun Company employees' strike has been satisfactorily settled and the men have returned to work.

The Sincere Company strike is, however, still unsettled, but negotiations are proceeding between representatives of the employees and the management.

The problem is likely to be settled to-day, according to spokesmen of the management and the employees.

All local branch stores of the Sincere Company, have joined the strike.

It is understood that the management of the Wing On Company were also presented with requests for increased wages from their employees. This has been settled quietly.

The main reason supporting the men's demand for increased wages was the increased cost of living. —Our Own Correspondent.

TOMMIES ON XMAS LEAVE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE FIRST BATCH OF BRITISH TROOPS ON CHRISTMAS LEAVE ARRIVED YESTERDAY; THEY ARE MOSTLY MARRIED MEN WHO WERE AMONG THE FIRST OF THE B.E.F. TO GO ABROAD. THEY WILL HAVE A BREAK OF 10 DAYS.

There will also be Christmas leave for some officers and men of the R.A.F. in France, and if ship movements do not prevent it, the Navy will also get Christmas leave—or rather, part of it will.

All those on leave are given free travelling vouchers. —Reuter.

CYPRUS FUND

London, To-day.

The inhabitants of Cyprus have started a fund to help the British Red Cross and have already raised £5,000, a very generous amount for so small a population. —Reuter.

Further Finn Successes Against The Red Forces

COASTAL GUNS' DIRECT HITS ON WARSHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THE FINNISH GENERAL STAFF state that a Soviet attack near Taipale and Heinjoki was repelled by the Finns, according to a Helsinki report.

Except for a slight Red Army advance near Petsamo the Russians were repelled everywhere.

Several Russian warships bombed strategic objectives on the Finnish coast.

SECRET SESSION

London, To-day.

The King has signed the Order-in-Council empowering Wednesday's session of Parliament to be a secret one.—Reuter.

TIN MARKET EXCITED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

EXCITED DEALINGS OCCURRED ON THE LONDON TIN MARKET YESTERDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF THE FORMER MAXIMUM PRICE OF £230.

Business began in forward tin at around £260 and rose rapidly to £275 before closing at £268, while the total turnover amounted to 400 tons.

Tin circles here are gratified at the return of the market to an international basis.

Most observers are of opinion that the price will gradually decline to the previous maximum, or below, and will eventually govern the international price once supplies have been attracted here. — Reuter.

VEHICLES FOR THE ARMY

London, To-day.

The British motor industry is already working at high speed on the production of vehicles for the mechanised army. One factory is now turning out as many lorries a day as the whole British Army had in 1914!

Although the infantry lorry is a special type of lorry, arrangements have been so made that 85 per cent. of the parts are standardised.

The Ministry of Supply is to-day the world's largest buyer of heavy vehicles. It needs no less than 50 different types of bodies.

Almost the entire tyre production of the British industry is now engaged on war work. A tyre suitable for a lorry travelling at 50 miles an hour has been manufactured, and also a pneumatic tyre which is virtually bullet-proof. — Reuter.

Russian planes were also busy, and Red planes bombed Hangoe and several fortifications near Bjoerkoe.

In Oslo, it was reported that Soviet planes heavily bombed the Finnish village of Haukilampi, near the Norwegian border.

However, most of the bombs fell in the neighbouring woods, doing little damage.

HEAVY LOSSES

Total Soviet losses during the two attacks against Petsamo and Salmijaervi on Sunday are estimated at nearly 500 killed and 200 prisoners, while Finnish losses were comparatively light.

The morale of the Finnish troops is excellent and the Finns enjoy a marked advantage in that they are excellent skiers and are used to the rigours of the Arctic winter.

SOVIET CLAIMS

In Moscow, a Red Army communique, issued through the Tass agency, says the Soviets have advanced some 550 kilometres in all directions.

It claims the occupation of the village of Kuolojarvi, in Ukhta region, and of Johonala, near Poroszero.

In the Karelian Isthmus the Reds claim to have captured Borochina and Kirkamuala.

Owing to adverse conditions, says the communique, the Soviet air force was confined to reconnaissance patrols.—Havas.

TANKS DESTROYED

London, To-day.

A Finnish communique says two enemy attacks on the Taipale River were repulsed with heavy losses. Seven tanks were destroyed.

Enemy attempts to cross the Voksi water system in Kiviniemi failed.

There was severe fighting all along the eastern frontier.

On the northern coast, above Lake Ladoga, the enemy advanced in one sector, but enemy attacks in another sector were repulsed.

Our troops advanced elsewhere, destroying four enemy companies in a surprise attack.

COASTAL DEFENCE SUCCESS

After heavy fighting the enemy occupied the village of Lapland, near the Russian frontier.

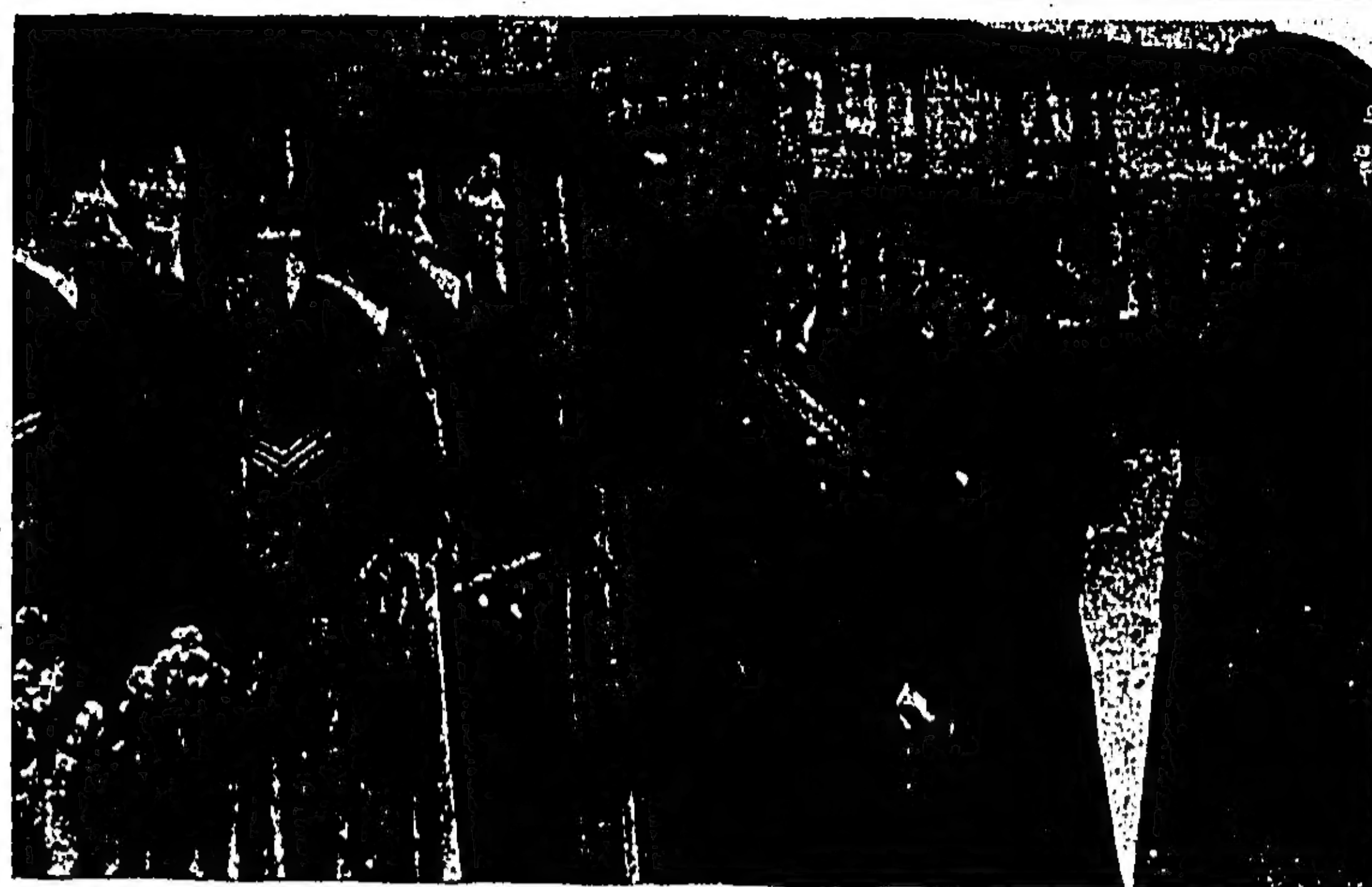
Coastal batteries engaged enemy naval units in fog, and judging from the sea, our batteries scored some direct hits.

There was air activity along the eastern frontier. Enemy planes bombed a lighthouse in the Gulf of Finland.—Reuter.

£100,000 GIFT FROM SOUTH AFRICA

London, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, has acknowledged a gift of £100,000, raised by South African mayors. In acknowledging the gift, he says it is a real encouragement for Britain to receive this welcome mark of friendship from the Union. — Reuter.



Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, and Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, paid a visit to a fighter squadron near London recently. Photo shows the two Ministers chatting with W.A.A.F. girls when they inspected their quarters. (Copyright, Fox).



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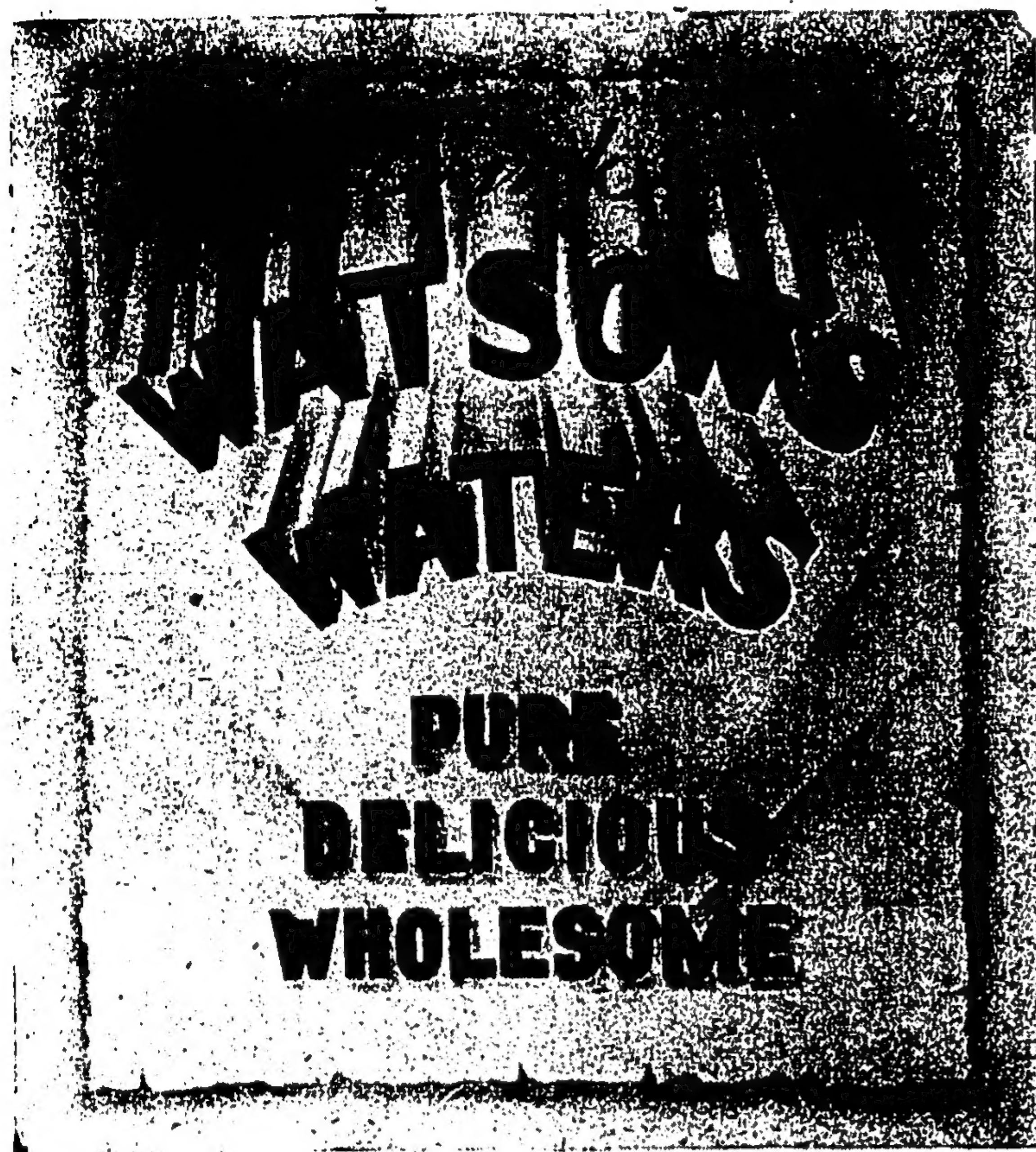
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

U.S. NAVY EXPANSION

The United States has announced her big naval expansion scheme. Her plea for the project is that although the already-established plans may be sufficient for effecting a one-side defence they are quite insufficient to meet double-front offensives. Thus the United States indicates that she is trying to establish a big naval strength to cover the two sides of the Pacific and the Atlantic.

It would be of course free for the United States to carry out her big armament expansion. But no nation in the world to-day is trying to fight America. It is quite inexplicable what menace has impelled the United States to carry out such a big armament expansion. Perhaps such a plan would be necessary if Japan and Britain were to combine themselves to fight America. Such, however, would be only the most foolish daydream. For America to venture forth on such an attempt is too dear a price to be paid to gratify her feeling of vanity.—"Miyako Shimbun."

JAPAN MUST PREPARE

That Japan hitherto has been rather reserved in her attitude toward the United States is not because she de-

sired thereby diplomatically to alienate Anglo-American relations. It is because she thought it wise thus to pass over in silence the too much legalistic arguments of the United States so fondly and so persistently advanced by that nation since the outbreak of the China Affair.

But the United States whose characteristic is outspokenness, inflated by its apparent success achieved in gaining its present-day status in international politics, is now trying to exert pressure on Japan through its naval and economic strength.

It would be of course free for the United States to take any action to exert pressure on this nation. But that can never prevent Japan from taking an independent action to accomplish the objective set forth in pushing the current China campaign, which is construction of a new order in this part of the world. Japan is fighting for the sake of her national existence. To achieve the aim she wouldn't care if the peaceful waves of this Pacific should be made to run high—if such is only an inevitable fate for Japan to accept.

We very much desire improvement of Japanese-American relations, but we can in no way whatever acquiesce to the attitude of the United States which ignores completely existing realities and national sentiment. We even think under the present development that we must be fully prepared for the worst.—"Asahi Shimbun."

CROSS PURPOSES

The Japanese have appeared to be entirely incapable of comprehending the American viewpoint regarding the Far Eastern situation. It is abundantly evident that Americans have no sympathy with or understanding of the "New order in East Asia," which is the cardinal element of the Japanese viewpoint.

The inability of the two Powers to understand each other may be attributed in some degree to physical and geographical differences between the two nations. It is to be seen, too, that national moral attitudes undergo great changes with the passage of time. It may well be, after all, that the Americans in fact are the Chosen People, for it is certain that they have been favoured by a beneficent Providence above all other peoples of the earth, and singular fortune has attended them from the beginning. Unlike the Britons, Americans have not had to do much fighting for their gains or engage in conquest. It was not merely the sagacity of our statesmen of the time, but it was also a tor-

streak of good luck for us that Napoleon badly needed cash when we effected the Louisiana Purchase and acquired the Mississippi Valley. We got another bargain of the same kind when we bought Alaska from the Russians, though this "Seward's folly" was achieved only over strong opposition. In our early days of expansion we were not specially concerned over the "sanctity of treaties," for in dealing with the Indians when we wanted their lands we had scant regard for covenants we had entered into with them. We adopted simple courses of expediency when we wanted to expand, so without particular regard for a weaker neighbour, as painlessly as possible, we amputated from Mexico California and our vast priceless southwestern empire. When we wanted to build a ship canal separating the two Americas we blithely overrode the objections and obstacles raised by a neighbouring country and created in territory of that country a new state, in a fashion not unlike that followed by Japan in the creation of Manchoukuo. Then on principles of the "higher morality," acting in the best interests of all peoples of the world, we dug the Panama Canal. In the worst eventuality, from the Japanese viewpoint.

Senator Key Pittman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate will carry out his already announced intention and introduce in the American Senate a resolution empowering the President to place an embar-

go on Japanese trade; the measure will be adopted and President Roosevelt will proclaim the economic blockade against Japan. It is foreseen then that Great Britain and France will take parallel action. For the Japanese Nation these successive blows will be crippling and disastrous—perhaps not mortal. For weeks Japanese economists and statesmen have been calculating consequences that must follow such a train of events.—"Far Eastern Review."

MORAL TIES

At the same time we hope the American people will not assume that the passing of the law ends the dangers to their neutrality or to their ideals.

Even under cash and carry the possibility of incidents which would inflame the people is not banished. Even coastwise and South American shipping is not without danger. To-day American warships are patrolling far at sea in areas where they could be mistaken for belligerent ships. And if submarines lie in wait outside American harbours to sink Allied ships, American financial interests may not be involved but American feelings are sure to be agitated. In fact the severance of commercial ties under cash and carry may prove how much more important are moral and emotional ties.

If danger remains, even in the new neutrality, so too does opportunity. The neutrals will determine the outcome of the present struggle. Some are merely sparring for their own advantage, like Russia. Others have so far not felt themselves sufficiently threatened to take up arms—they have left to others the task of combatting systems which nearly all dislike and fear. But certainly all the democracies have a common interest and by support of that interest can influence the diplomatic and military struggle. If positive enough and concerted enough in their action, they may deter countries like Russia and Italy and limit the extent of the war. Inescapably they will be concerned with the peace and from now on can play a decisive role in shaping the world that is to follow the war. In that task the United States will inevitably play the role which her ideals and her power give her.—"Christian Science Monitor."

EVACUATION OF JAPANESE TROOPS CONCOMITANT OF ANY PEACE AGREEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

"THE EVACUATION OF Japanese troops from China is a concomitant part of any peace agreement," stated Wang Ching-wei in an interview with the Shanghai correspondent of the "Japan News Week," a journal published in the English language in Tokyo.

According to the correspondent, Wang went on to draw attention to the conditions put by himself to his acceptance of Prince Konoye's terms as a basis of negotiations.

REDS WERE SPOILING FOR A FIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Soviet severed diplomatic relations with Finland before the latter's last proposals were handed to Soviet officials, Baron Yrjo Koskinen, Finnish Minister in Moscow, stated in an interview with the correspondent of the newspaper "Politiken."

He added that the Finns' last proposals were far-reaching, since Helsinki accepted the unilateral withdrawal of Finnish troops from the Karelian Isthmus.

Baron Koskinen said the Russian population was stunned by the news of war.

He concluded by stating that all members of the Finnish Legation in Moscow arrived safely in Berlin, except for four Chinese servants, who were detained in Moscow as their passports were not valid.—Havas.

GERMAN PATROLS REPULSED

PARIS, TO-DAY.

WITH BAD WEATHER HAMPERING AIR OPERATIONS, ACTIVITY ON THE WESTERN FRONT YESTERDAY WAS CONFINED TO PATROL ACTIVITY.

Both sides sent out numerous patrols in an effort to probe one another's lines.

The Germans were particularly active south and south-west of Saarbrücken, coming up close to the Allies' advanced posts.

They were repulsed with hand-grenades and artillery. — Reuter.

GERMAN ATTACK ON BRITISH TROOPS

Paris, To-day.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT, the Nazis seem to be giving special attention to that section of the line held by British troops.

Semi-official reports say that German patrol activity is particularly heavy in the British section.

One German patrol on Sunday night attacked an isolated British outpost. The enemy were repulsed and there were no British casualties.

The French official wireless commentator remarks that the perform-

He also recalled that his agreement with the Japanese on regional evacuations was reached early in August.

However, a complete withdrawal was not to be expected as long as General Chiang Kai-shek continued hostilities.

WANG CONFIDENT

There were also practical considerations, such as transport, which were connected with the speed of the evacuation.

The main point, however, was acceptance of the principle that evacuation and conclusion of peace should be coincident, and he was very confident it would be acted upon. — Havas.

HITLER TRIED TO STOP REDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Helsinki correspondent of the "Daily Herald" learns that Hitler vainly attempted to stop the Soviet's military operations in Finland.

The correspondent adds that Graf von Schulenberg, the German Ambassador in Moscow, brought Hitler's proposals to Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, to whom he strongly urged the start of peace negotiations with Finland, but met with a categorical refusal.—Havas.

REDUCED ACTIVITY

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated there was very reduced activity on the front during the day. — Reuter.

NEUTRAL SHIPS TORPEDOED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A STOCKHOLM DESPATCH SAYS THE ESTONIAN STEAMER KAS-SARD (800 TONS) HAS BEEN SUNK BY A SUBMARINE, BELIEVED TO BE RUSSIAN. THE CREW WERE SAVED.

The sinking occurred in the Gulf of Finland.

In Oslo, it is reported that the Greek steamer Caroufalia (4,708 tons) was torpedoed and sunk by an unknown submarine off the Norwegian coast while en route to Kirkenes to collect a cargo of iron ore for Holland.

Twenty-five members of the crew were saved, and four are believed to have been lost. — Reuter.

***The sinking of the Estonian

SOVIET ASKS HELP FROM ESTHONIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

According to the Stockholm correspondent of the "News Chronicle" the Soviet has asked Esthonia to fulfil the conditions of the mutual assistance pact and help her fight the Finns.

The Soviet-Esthonian mutual assistance pact provides that each party assist the other in the event of attack by a third Power. — Havas.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

London, To-day.

A saving of nearly £50,000,000 by the review of commitments in respect of road construction programmes was announced by the Minister of Transport at the annual meeting of the Institute of Transport yesterday. — British Wireless.

steamer by a Russian submarine is strange, as the Soviet is supposed to be friendly with Estonia.



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OLD CHINA HAND KILLED IN WARSAW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF SHANGHAI AND HIS CHINESE FRIENDS TO-DAY MOURN DR. JAN KRYSINSKI, FORMER COUNCILLOR OF THE POLISH EMBASSY HERE AND ACTING CONSUL-GENERAL IN SHANGHAI. It has just been learned that Dr. Krysinski died during the siege of Warsaw, probably following wounds caused by air bombs and splinters. There is no news of his wife and daughter, who evacuated from Warsaw at the beginning of the hostilities and are possibly safe.

Dr. Krysinski lived in China for 15 years and taught law at Aurora University, Shanghai. He was a doctor of the Paris and Freiburg Universities and graduated in Chinese and Japanese.

He was one of the most cultured and most popular members of the diplomatic corps of Shanghai.

He left China in November, 1938, to head the Asiatic Section of the Foreign Ministry at Warsaw.—Havas.

NAZI PLOT FOR GRIP ON PRESS

I am able to give further details of the amazing Nazi scheme to "buy" the Press in Denmark and other neutral countries, writes a Copenhagen Correspondent.

It is intended, I learn, to force all German and German-controlled firms advertising in Denmark to place their advertisements through the new German "Werbegesellschaft." This will be in addition to the concern's own special resources.

The advertising will then be placed only in periodicals prepared to modify their policies in a pro-German direction.

The new "Werbegesellschaft" will require an official Danish Government permit before it can attempt to control the editorial policies of Danish newspapers. The Copenhagen Advertising Guild is strongly urging that this permit be withheld.

The advertising managers of several Copenhagen newspapers have already been approached and told that soon all German advertising will be handled by the Nazi-controlled concern. It is hinted that their papers should draw their own conclusion.

Similar schemes are being started in the Balkans and other neutral countries.

SWEDISH PROPOSAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

The Swedish delegation has proposed that cable be sent to the Soviet Government in a last attempt to get Moscow represented at the League Assembly for the discussion of the Finnish appeal.—Havas.

ATTACK ON MOSLEY'S CAR

Sir Oswald Mosley and his supporters were mobbed by the crowd at the close of a British Fascist Union meeting in a Wilmslow (Cheshire) cinema. Three people were injured.

As Sir Oswald's car swung round the corner of the cinema and drove past the fighting mob, one man ran alongside battering the car bonnet with his walking-stick.

Stones flew through the air, smashing the windows of two buses which moved off with Sir Oswald's supporters clambering aboard to escape the crowd's fury.

Holding a handkerchief to his face, a spectator, Mr. Thomas McGann, of Hawthornwalk Wilmslow told the press: "I got this with a razor."

As a contingent of Sir Oswald's supporters marched down the road to where one bus stopped to wait for them they were followed and surrounded by the crowd. It was several minutes before the road was cleared. No arrests were made.

SMALLPOX CASES

Three deaths occurred from smallpox in the Colony last week, and another two cases were reported to the Health Authorities yesterday.

Last week's cases also included 181 tuberculosis (93 deaths); 46 dysentery (12 deaths); 14 diphtheria (four deaths); 12 typhoid (five deaths); two measles; one meningitis (three deaths) and one chickenpox.

Yesterday's notifications included 27 tuberculosis, six dysentery one chickenpox and one typhoid.

ALLIED BLOCKADE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Spanish Ambassador has handed to the Foreign Ministry a Note reserving all rights concerning the application of the Franco-British blockade to Spanish ships.—Havas.

FINN WHITE BOOK

Geneva, To-day.

Finland has issued a White Book giving details of the negotiations with the Soviet.

The White Book shows that Finland was prepared to go a long way to meet the Russian demands.—Reuter.

COL. REITZ LEAVES

Lisbon, To-day.

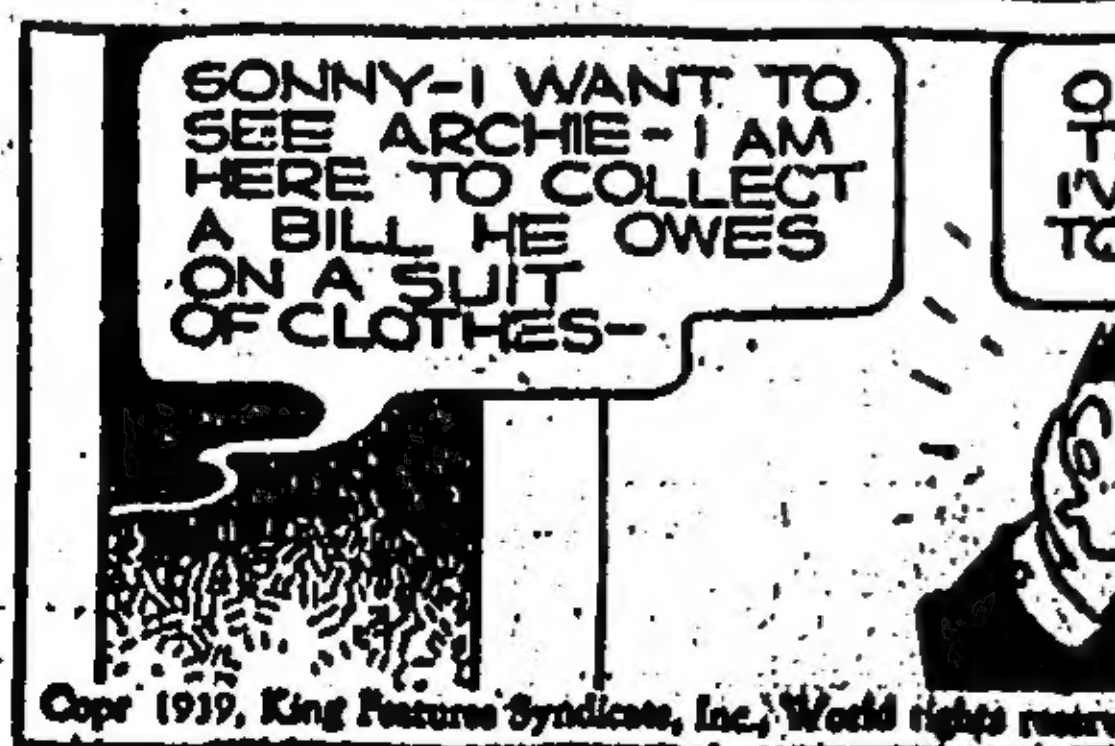
Colonel Denys Reitz, South African Minister for Native Affairs, left Portugal yesterday on his way home.

Colonel Reitz stopped over in Portugal a few days after his visit to Britain.—Reuter.

HANDBAG FOUND

Mrs. Williams of No. 4, Kennedy Road, has informed the Police that while travelling in taxi No. 79 she found a ladies handbag containing \$7.10 in Hong Kong money.

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PILOT DODGES DEATH FIVE MILES UP

SERGEANT-OBSERVER LESLIE WEBBER, now on honeymoon in Cornwall, has crowded romance and high adventure into life since war began.

As one of the first R.A.F. men sent to France, he jumped to safety from a blazing plane five miles up — it was his first parachute leap—while German Messerschmitt fighters swooped and machine-gunned all about him. As the hero of this escape, he came home to Plymouth with three weeks' leave and married Miss Phyllis Popperwell, of Devonport.

After the wedding at Ford, originally planned for last September, Sergeant Webber, who is aged twenty-five, told of his adventure. It is one of the most thrilling stories of the war.

"We were on a reconnaissance flight over an important point in the German lines," he said.

"Our plane, in which there were a pilot, gunner and myself, was flying at 28,000 ft. when we encountered Messerschmitt fighters. There was intense firing, but although outnumbered we managed to shoot down several of their machines.

"My job was to take photographs and, acting to orders, I continued my work as the fight went on. Then, to my horror, I felt the plane lurch as though out of control.

"I leaned over and realised that the worst had happened. Both the pilot and gunner had been shot, and the machine was on fire. I tried to get to the pilot; it was impossible. Suddenly the machine fell into a dive.

CHEATED PLANE AS HE FELL

There was only one thing I could do—to risk disconnecting my oxygen apparatus and jump for it. I worked my way to the rear of the machine, disconnecting my oxygen mask, and then jumped out. It was my first jump.

"As I fell, a German fighter dived towards me. I knew I was supposed to pull the rip cord at 7,000ft., but with the plane still circling round me I was afraid that I might be shot down.

"I decided to risk a longer drop. By my reckoning I had dropped about 15,000ft. when I eventually pulled the ring. Fortunately, there was a good wind, and it carried me over the French lines.

KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS

After drifting for about seven miles I landed in a field. As I did so, my parachute began to spill wind. I hit the ground hard, was knocked unconscious.

"When I came round, a group of French Army officers surrounded me. They thought I was a German airman, and each had his revolver drawn.

"Although dazed, I managed to shout 'Anglais.' They examined my uniform under my flying kit and, satisfied that I was not an enemy, began to shower congratulations on me.

"After receiving treatment for spinal injuries, I was given three weeks' leave. As soon as I got back home Phyllis and I made plans for the wedding. We had only a week to arrange everything—but it's all gone off splendidly."

ART EXHIBITION

The Exhibition of monotypes by Mrs. Erne Freedlander at St. John's Cathedral Hall has been extended a further day. The paintings will be on view again to-morrow (Wednesday) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The police were requested last night to endeavour to locate a Chinese woman, Kam Ng, 22, described as a concubine. The woman is alleged to have absconded with her three-year-old son.

THE MEN WITHOUT WINGS

Lets think for a moment of heroes whose praises are unsung — of the men who keep the propellers turning when the Royal Air Force is on active service (writes an Associated Press correspondent with the B.E.F. in France.)

A set of greasy overalls is the uniform of these men. They sport no coveted pilot's wings. Medals seldom come their way.

Yet if work is slackly done, the pilot cannot leave the ground. Disaster would dog the Air Force whose engines failed them in the hour of need.

With winter approaching and icy winds already sweeping the hidden aerodromes of the R.A.F. in France, the work of the fitters and riggers becomes daily more important.

HANDS BLUE WITH COLD

Most of the planes stand in the open fields, cleverly camouflaged but without sheltering hangars. And you know just what happens to the engine of your car if you leave it out on a frosty winter night!

Yet at 6 a.m. on the darkened aerodrome, often in keenest cold or with rain falling in torrents, these mechanics can strip the canvas covers from their engines and set them in motion at a single touch.

"Never once has one of my engines failed to 'start,' a young officer from Ontario told me as we watched a busy group dismantling an engine in mid-field. Their hands were so blue with the cold that they could scarcely hold their spanners.

SPARE PARTS SPEED-UP

Often, if only a part of an engine is damaged, this is removed and sent to the depot while a new part is rushed to the squadron mechanics. The machine is soon fit for service.

Any spare part not available in France can be obtained from England within twenty-four hours.

So next time you read of the gallant exploit of some pilot in battle high over the Siegfried Line, remember that his success depended largely upon young Les of Birmingham and young Ted from Bethnal Green.

If they had not tuned those engines to perfection and kept them running splendidly, success might have been disaster. The pilot appreciates this, and so should you.

PRINCESS LOUISE

On instructions from the Secretary of State, all flags in the colony were half-masted to-day for Princess Louise, who, it will be recalled, died on December 3.

Miss R. Gehring, residing at No. 119, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, has reported the theft of a wrist-watch, valued at \$230. The theft occurred on Sunday afternoon.

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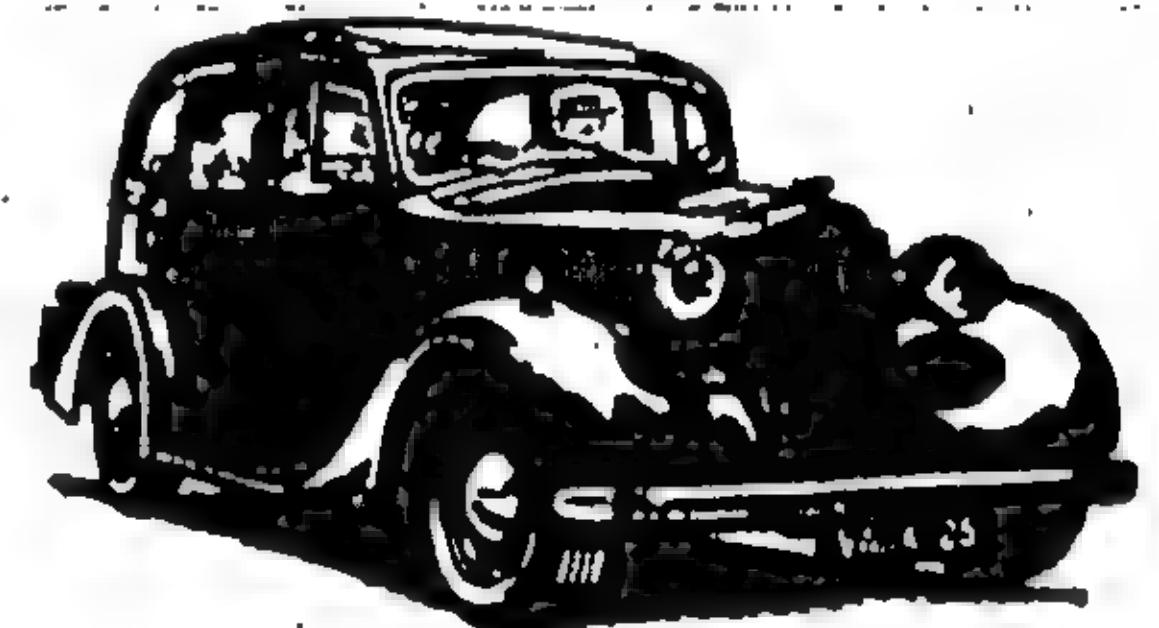
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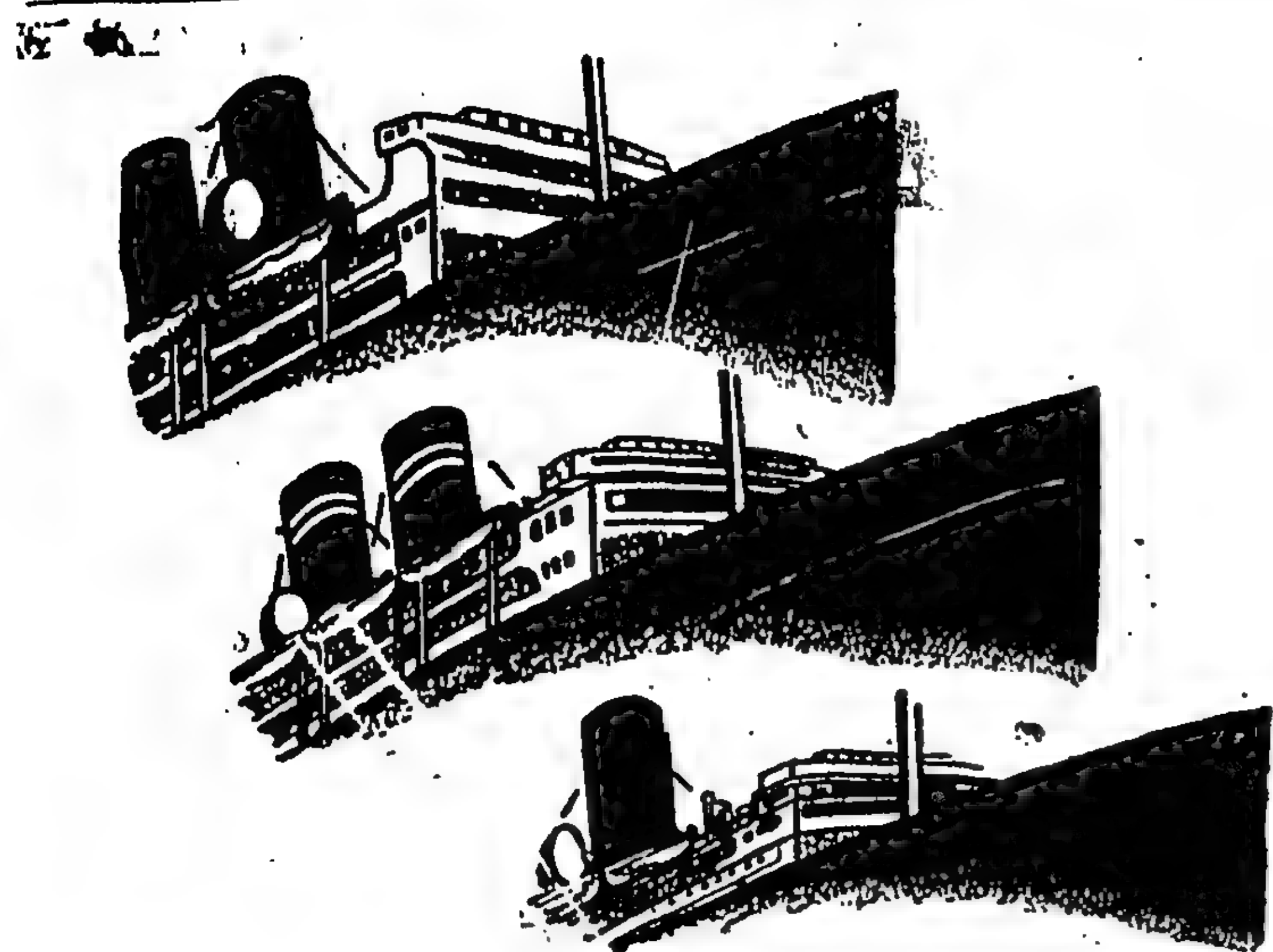
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Haiphong and Fort Bayard	December 13.
Canton	December 13.
Straits	December 13.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th December	December 14.
Canton	December 14.
Manila	December 14.
Shanghai and Amoy	December 14.
Japan	December 14.
Japan and Shanghai	December 14.
Straits	December 14.
Shanghai	December 15.
Shanghai	December 15.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 19th Nov.)	December 15.
Haiphong	December 16.
Manila	December 16.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 9th Dec.	December 17.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	December 17.
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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th December.	December 18.
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Japan and Shanghai	December 18.
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	Reg., ... Tues.,	Dec. 12, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord., ... Tues.,	Dec. 12, 7.00 p.m.
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Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Wed.,	Dec. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Swatow	Wed.,	Dec. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Formosa	Wed.,	Dec. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Wed.,	Dec. 13, 1.00 p.m.
Straits (Parcels only)	Wed.,	Dec. 13, 1.00 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Wed.,	Dec. 13, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Wed.,	Dec. 13, 2.30 p.m.
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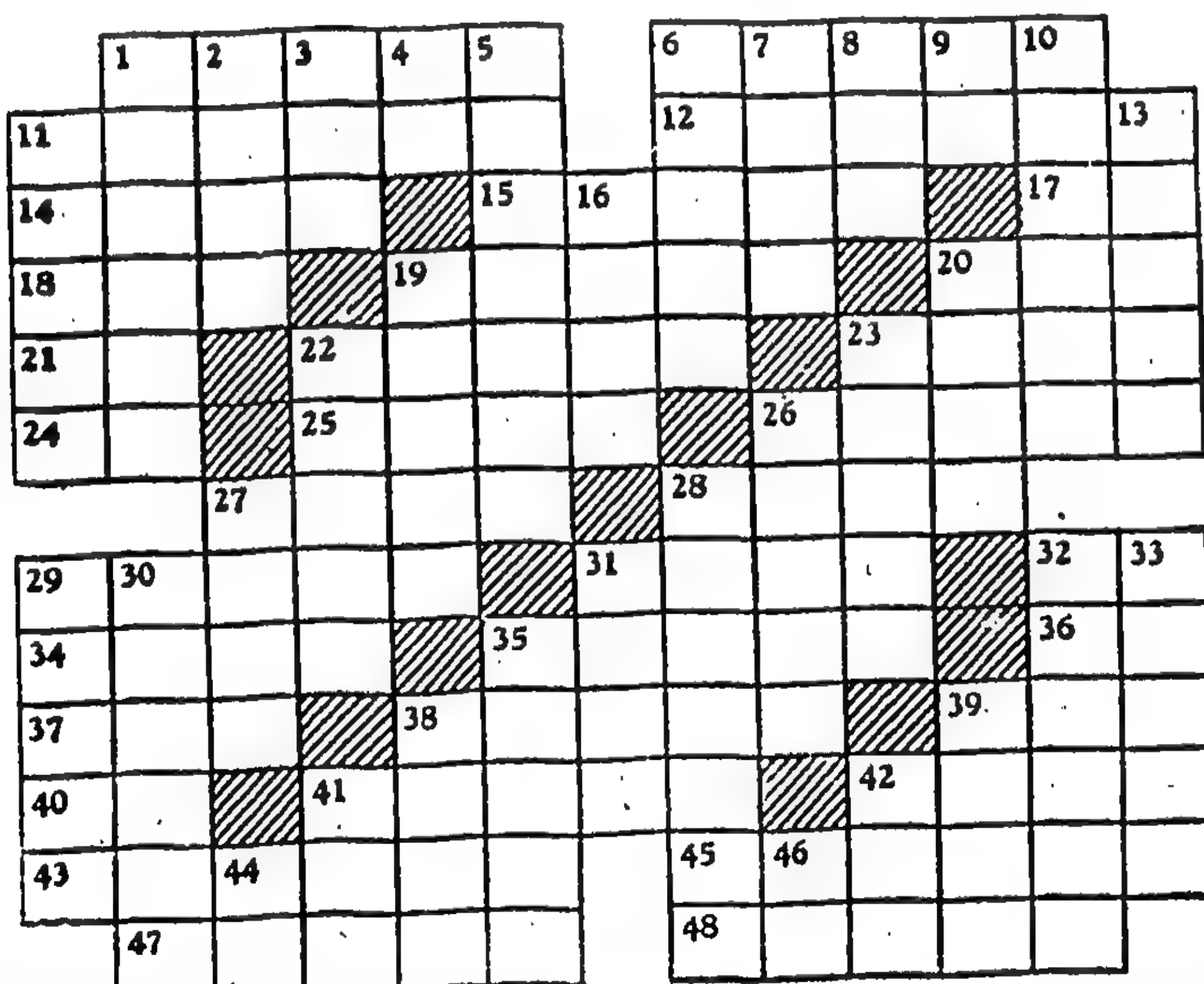
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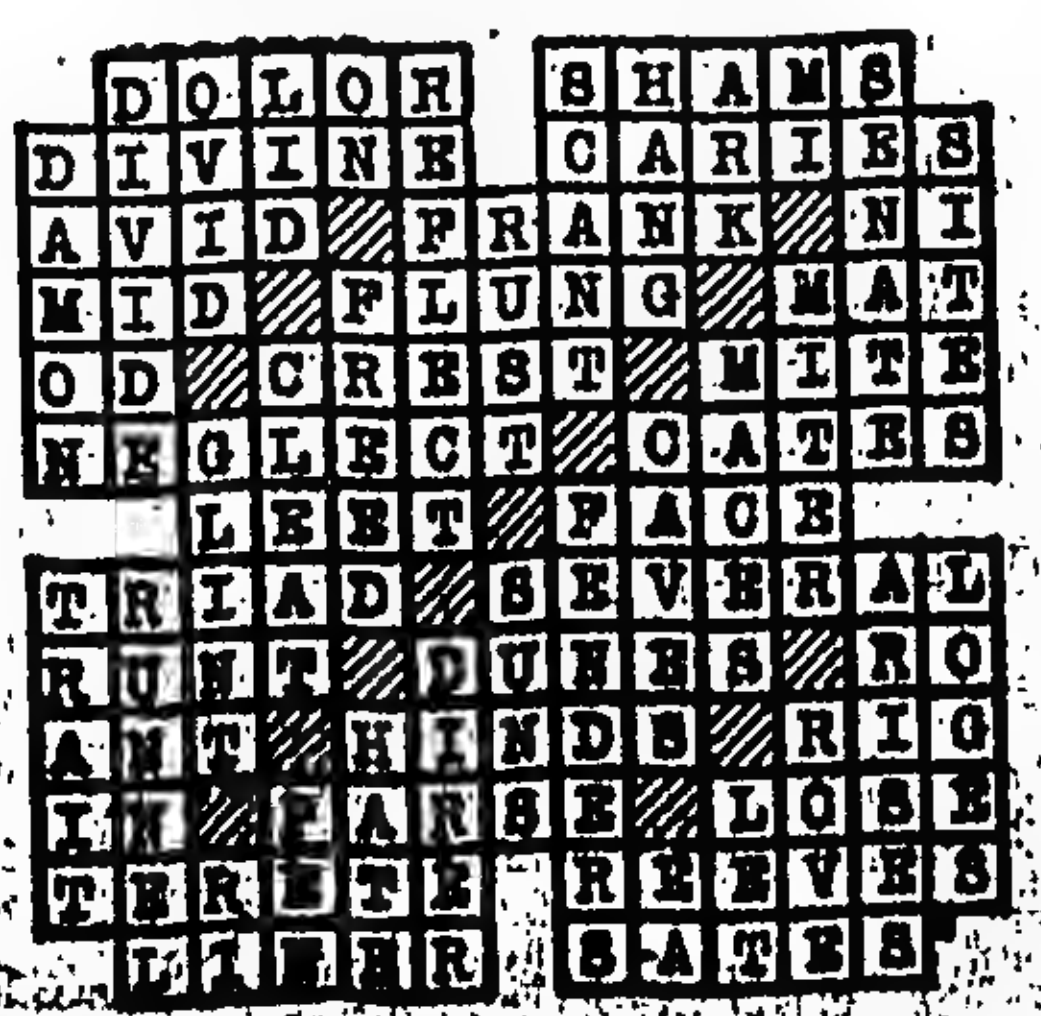
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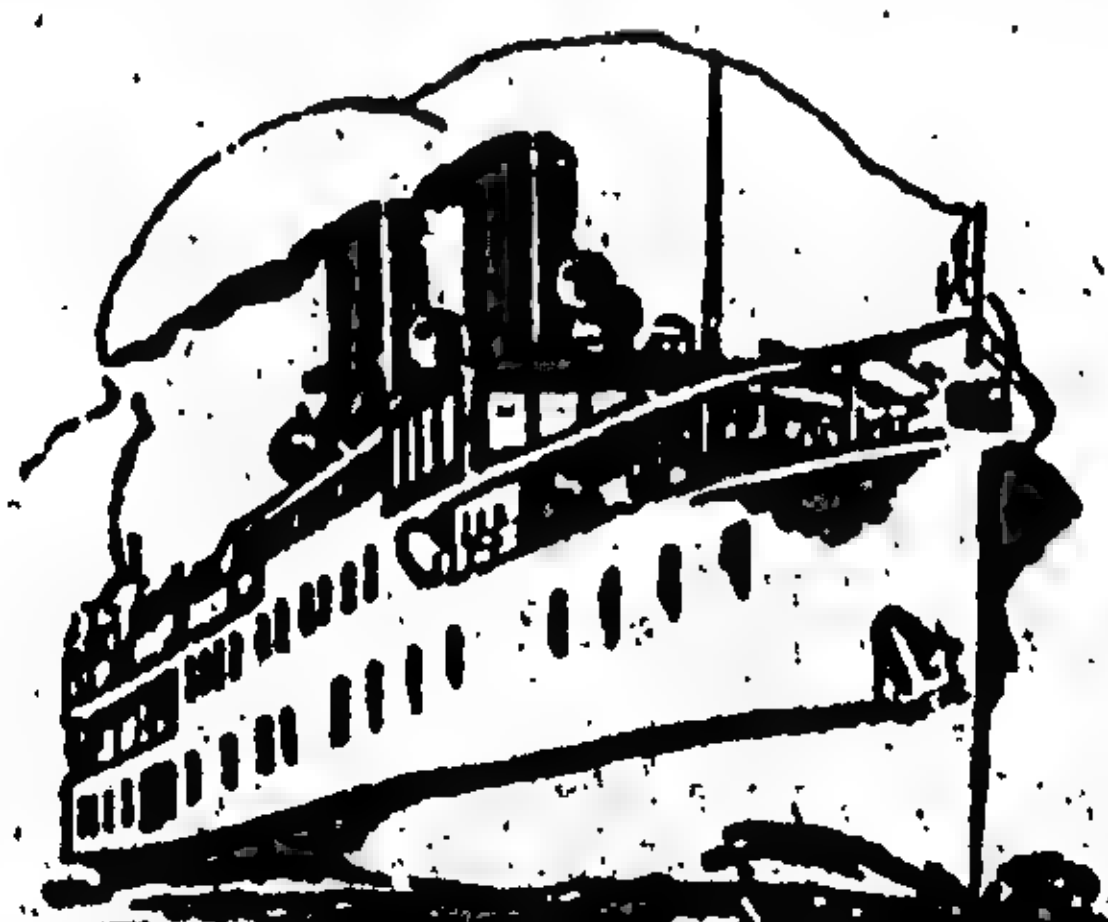
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ALLIES GIVE TANK DISPLAYS BEHIND THE FRONT LINE

(FROM DOUGLAS WILLIAMS,

"Daily Telegraph" War Correspondent)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.

BRITISH AND FRENCH tanks and armoured car regiments, crack cavalry units before they were mechanised, have recently been exchanging visits in their respective villages in the British and French areas.

British Lancers and French Cuirassiers, officers and men, mingled in social groups, ate and drank together, swapped stories in their broken Anglo-French, and then watched each other's machines carry out tactical exercises.

I was present on both occasions, and was much struck with the sincere friendliness displayed, and the quick and eager manner in which both sides sought to exchange views on tank and armoured car manoeuvres.

It was a cold, rainy day when we

visited the French and the cosy warmth of the officers' mess was very welcome.

SURPRISING MENU

Owing to the unexpected arrival of extra British officers the five guests expected expanded to 20, but the cook rose nobly to the occasion, and within half an hour we were sitting down to such delicacies as salmon with sauce verte, coquilles St. Jacques, and tournedos.

How this wonder was accomplished the British officers, with their more restricted culinary arrangements, were at a loss to understand.

Toasts were exchanged at the end of the meal, the French colonel proposing the King and the British Army, and the senior British officer that of the President of French and the French Army.

Meanwhile, in billets and cook-houses, British lancers and N.C.O.s were being generously entertained by the French cuirassiers. Beer was replaced by wine and even champagne and the Entente Cordiale has seldom stood at a greater peak of cordiality.

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING

A few days later the French rode in their armoured cars to visit their British comrades. In the morning British light cavalry armoured cars paraded before the French colonel and carried out evolutions.

The French officers lunched with the various squadrons, where the mess secretaries had worked all night planning menus to approach the excellence of the menu they had enjoyed the previous week at the hands of their French hosts.

CHAMPAIGNE!

Real English plum pudding was the chef d'oeuvre of the mess where I lunched, and the toasts were drunk with an excellent magnum of 1928 champagne.

Several of the French officers, most of whom, of course, were graduates of the famous French cavalry school at Saumur, spoke good English, and conversation was easy and lively.

TAKEN FOR A ROUGH RIDE

Later the French cars and their motorcycle escorts defied before the two colonels, British and French. A group of merry British officers were taken for a rough ride in a French lorry, which climbed ditches and rode through ploughed fields as easily as though it was coasting long a paved highway.

The day was a great success, and the two regiments separated with hearty handshakes and shouts of "Bon jour" and "Good-bye."

It may be said that the forces of war one day may bring them together in the field of battle and then the spirit of comradeship that these meetings foster will prove its value in co-operation and mutual loyalty.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Silver was quoted at 23-5/16 spot and 23-1/2 forward.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at 2-U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at 2-U.S.\$1.14.

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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF COUNT MATTIOLI

By VINCENT TWONE

That he might dominate upper Italy and keep the Count of Turin under his thumb, Louis XIV yearned to acquire Casal. This stronghold was the capital of the marquisate of Montferrat, part of the dominion of Charles IV of Mantua. Charles was a frivolous and reckless young profligate who had so dissipated his funds in pleasures and festivals at Venice that he had had to pledge the revenues of his crown to money lenders for several years ahead.

Speculating on the financial distress and frivolity of the young ruler King Louis conceived the plan of buying Casal for ready money.

One of the dandies at the court of Mantua was the Count Hercules Mattioli, the scion of a powerful house who had distinguish himself at college, and who when scarcely past his 20th year had been made a professor at the University of Bologna. Under both Charles III and Charles IV of Mantua he had served as Secretary of State and the latter had appointed him a supernumerary senator.

Louis XIV of France was now represented at Charles' court by an astute and enterprising ambassador, the Abbe d'Astrades. This shrewd diplomat detected the ambitious and intriguing character of Mattioli, and entered with him into a conspiracy to acquire Casal for France. After Louis had penned with his own hand a letter to Mattioli the latter came to Paris in person, and there the deed transferring Casal was signed. Under its terms, Charles of Mantua was to receive 300,000 francs and as a reward for his part in the negotiations Louis handed Mattioli 100,000 francs and a valuable diamond. Then Louis sent to Charles' court Baron de Asfeld as his envoy to exchange with Mattioli the ratification of the treaty but by Mattioli's instigation he had been waylaid and turned over to the Spaniards. Mattioli had thus interrupted negotiations that he might receive another bribe from the French king. In other words, he had betrayed both his own monarch and Louis XIV.

Louis, who had already begun to prepare for the occupation of Casal

was furious as was the Abbe d'Estrades. The latter conceived a most audacious project—to abduct Mattioli. He communicated the plan to Louis, who, although he would not hear of any public scandal, sent to the Abbe a dispatch authorizing him to lay violent hands on the Count "as soon as you believe that you can carry him off without the affair making any noise." Mattioli, the dispatch went on to say, was to be conducted to Pignerol, where "orders would be sent to receive him, and so to guard him that nobody would know where he was." And Louis added: "It is essential that no one should know what has become of this man."

Catinat, commander of the French army in Italy, was personally charged with the minister's abduction, and the Abbe proceeded to perfect the preliminaries.

Pretending, when in Mattioli's presence, to know nothing of the double game that he had played the Abbe gave him to understand that he had been ordered to remit to him the remainder of the sum which Louis had promised for Casal. A meeting for the purpose of handing over the money was arranged and on that day the purpose of Mattioli entered a carriage. It was to drive past a lonely stretch on route to the place of negotiation. Catinat, with a body of soldiers, here lay in wait. The trap was successfully sprung. Catinat wrote to one of his superiors:

"The plan has carried out without and violence and nobody knows this rascal's name, not even the officers who helped to arrest him."

A chronicler of the time stated: "The secretary (Mattioli) was surrounded by 10 or 12 horsemen who kidnapped him, disguised him and conducted him to Pignerol."

For Louis' envoy to have thus entered Charles' kingdom and kidnapped the Secretary of State was perhaps the most daring violation of interna-

tional law recorded in history, and the French monarch had every reason to cover it up. He had to keep the im-



The Kidnaping of Mattioli.

prisonment absolutely secret, and it was quite as important for him to conceal the circumstances under which Mattioli had been arrested.

What actually became of Mattioli after his abduction has never been known. One story was that after being imprisoned for 15 years at Pigerol the unhappy Count was transferred to the French prison on the Sainte Marguerite Islands and later sent to the Bastille in Paris, where he died 24 years after his abduction.

The story is that while in prison he was treated with the deference due to the rank and station of a great personage, but that no one was ever allowed to speak to him; that when he was sent out into the prison court to take the air he was made to wear a black velvet mask so that no one would ever recognize him.

Baron Heiss, captain in a regiment at Alsace, in 1770, published a monograph identifying Mattioli as the famous "Man of the Iron Mask" and a number of other authorities have since dilated upon that theory.

So far as definite history is concerned, Mattioli's whereabouts were not known from the time he was kidnapped and taken to Pigerol. What really became of him is a mystery which, in all probability, will never be solved.



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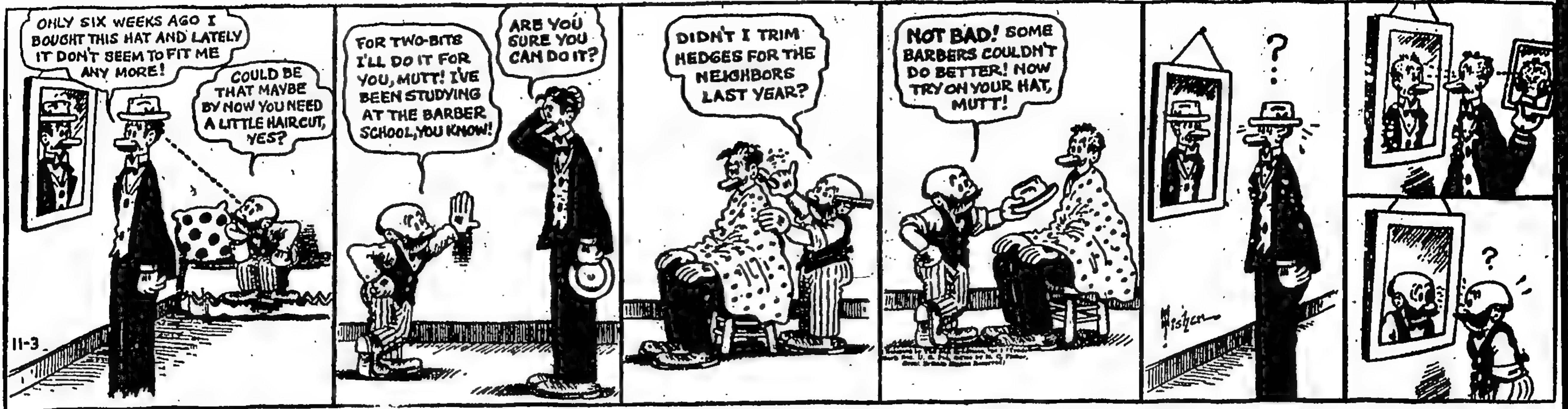


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To-day's Wireless

"Die Walkure" Act 1:
With Bruno Walter
And Vienna "Phil"

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—SONGS by Connie Boswell. Heart and Soul (from 'A Song is born'); Outside of Paradise (from the film); I Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart (Ellington & Others).
12.40 p.m.—HAWAIIAN NUMBERS by Roy Smeck and His Serenaders. Waltz—Song of the Islands. Fox-Trot—Moon Over Miami. Fox-Trots—Honolulu Stars and Hawaiian Guitars; A Little Rendezvous In Honolulu. Swing Is In The Air (from the film). Goodnight My Love (film 'Stow-away').
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and

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9.52 Megacycles

Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Coleridge Taylor.
Christmas — Overture Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
Songs of the Sea.....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
"Otello"—Suite.....New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
Spring Had Come (from 'Hiawatha') Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with

Orchestra.

Life and Death.....Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—HARRY ROY and His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Slap That Bass (film 'Shall we Dance'); Shall We Dance (from the film).
Six-Eight Medley — Valencia: Ca C'est Paris Picador; Barcelona; Rio de Janeiro; Casablanca.
Quicksteps—Little Spanish Shawl; Li'l Liza Jane.
Slow Fox-Trot — Broken-Hearted Clown.
Fox-Trot—Why Can't We Make Love.
Quickstep—Diddle-Dum-Dee.
Fox-Trot—Goody-Goody.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

6.00 p.m.—WAGNER'S "Die Walkure" Act 1. Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Siegmund.... Lauritz Melchior (Tenor); Sieglinde.... Lotte Lehmann (Soprano); Hunding.... Emanuel List (Bass); with The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

7.05 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.07 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert—Summer Day's Suite (Eric Coates) Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.
"Tick-Tock" Entr'acte (Vienna) Shy Serenade (Geo. Scott-Ward) New Maffair Novelty Orch.
Impressions D'Orient—Descriptive (Amadei); Souvenir D'Ukraine—Descriptive (Ferraris).... Armando Di Piramo & His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—BERLIN State Opera Orchestra.
Eugen Onegin—Waltz (Tschalkowsky).
Polonaise No. 2 (Liszt).
8.15 p.m.—STUDIO—Piano Recital of Liszt Compositions by Luba Shaftain

1. Harmonies Poétiques et Religieuses N7.
2. Sonetto 123 del Petrarca.
3. Solres de Vienne (Schubert-Liszt).

8.40 p.m.—CHARPENTIER — Impressions D'Italie — Suite. Orchestre Symphonique de Paris conducted by Gustave Charpentier.

9.05 p.m.—STUDIO — Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Cards on the Table".

9.45 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trots—Stay As Sweet As You Are (film 'College Rhythm'); Let's Give Three Cheers for Love (film 'College Rhythm').... Tom Coakley & His Palace Hotel Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Have A Little Dream On Me; Who Made Little Boy Blue.... Jack Jackson & His Orchestra.
Waltz—Little Anne Jungherr's Accordion Melodians.
Fox-Trots—Did My Heart Beat; Down A Long, Long Road.... Jack Jackson & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Won't You Stay To Tea? No More Love.... Ray Noble & His Orchestra.
Waltz—The Dance Goes On (from 'Over she goes').... Mantovani & His Tipica Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—The Spider & The Fly; Taint What You Do.... "Fats" Waller & His Rhythm.
Quickstep—Cathedral In The Pines; Waltz—The First Quarrel.... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.

10.30 p.m.—A SPANISH Programme with Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) and Tito Schipa (Tenor).
La Rosa Oriental (Ramon Espigul) Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.
Tangos—Buen Amigo; Night On The La Plata.... Juan Llossas & His Tango Orchestra.
Princesita (Palomero-Padilla); Grafadinas (Calleja-Barrera).... Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Tangos—Tango Mio; Sierra Chica.... Juan Llossas & His Tempo Orch.
La Zingarella (Paisiello); Pastora (Murillo-Miranda) Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
♠ K Q 8 4
♥ A K J 9 7
♦ 8 2
♣ 8 4
♠ 10 6 3 2
♥ 2
♦ K J 10 9
♣ Q 6
N
W
E
S
♠ 9 5
♥ Q 10 8 4
♦ A 4 3
♣ A K 9 5 2
♠ A J 7
♥ 8 5 3
♦ A Q 5
♣ J 10 7 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	2♣	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of clubs, and when it held the trick, continued the suit. East now cashed the Ace and King of clubs and, in spite of a frantic diamond signal by West, continued the suit and set up his thirteenth. Declarer discarded the seven of hearts on the third club lead and the deuce of diamonds on the fourth, and now proceeded to cash four spade tricks. Each signalling with the ten of hearts on the third spade lead and letting go of a low diamond on the fourth. Declarer now decided that East really had the Queen of hearts, and hence tried for an end-play against West.

Accordingly, he cashed the Ace-King of hearts and then played the eight of diamonds from dummy and the five from his own hand. Unfortunately for his purposes, West had carefully retained the seven of diamonds, which he now played, leaving Declarer stuck in dummy and forced to concede the last two tricks to East.

If South had either failed to discard a diamond at all from dummy or thrown the eight instead of the two, he could have made his contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner. Both sides were vulnerable and you held:

♠ A 3 2
♥ A 3 2
♦ A 5 4 3 3
♣ 8 7

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: The correct opening bid is one diamond. You have three Aces but the fact that you have a five-card suit justifies an opening bid. Score 100% for one diamond, 40% for pass.

QUESTION NO. 281

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:


♠ J 8
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ 9 8 3

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Burnstone
1♣	Pass	(?)	

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SOFTBALL NOTES

MINDANAO'S LATE RALLY WINS GAME

(By "GRANDSTAND")

SOFTBALL fans had a dull day on Sunday owing to lack of interesting games on the bill of fare. The Recreio "A"—Tulsa fracas and the Wahoos-Canadian Chinese encounter at Prince Edward Road were the only interesting games dished out to fans.

As expected Canadian Chinese did not have any trouble in defeating Liga Portuguesa, 9-2, the "Canucks" never at any time extending themselves to take the Portuguese boys to town.

Herbie Quon on the mound for C.C.C. did not have to work hard and depended mostly on his fielders. He fanned four, walked two and allowed only two hits. T. Pereira chucked a good game for Liga but his fielders let him down with nine miscues. He struck out one and walked none.

The "Maple Leafs" booted four and belted eight blows off Pereira. Liga's two runs crossed the plate in the seventh; A. Pereira scored on a hit and a walk and an error. T. Gill of Liga was in great form at the windy alley in eight field chances with nary an error.

Canadian	R. H. E.
Chinese... 0 1 5 0 3 0 0 9 8 4	
Liga... 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 2 9	

In the Nightcap Mindanao had a narrow escape from defeat when they snatched a 12-9 victory from the Trojans. A five-run rally in the sixth saved the day for the American blue-jackets. Heavy hitting on both sides was registered. Wilson, the Mindanao right-fielder, rapped two doubles and two singles in five times to bat and brought in four runs, while S. Cruz was credited with four hits and D. Alves three.

Trojans outplayed Mindanao erring four to the sailors' eight. Mindanao's 13 hits were helped by eight free passes issued by moundsmen G. Almeida and D. Alves who took turns for Trojans. Sure fire for Trojans was S. Cruz at the hot corner and D. Alves at first base.

Cook who went in for Crooner Ruel in the third inning showed some fancy fielding freezing flies on the run out in the centre cabbage patch. Todd homered for Mindanao in the sixth with one on board.

Mindanao	R. H. E.
1 4 0 0 2 5 0 12 13 9	
Trojans 3 3 0 0 1 1 1 9 13 4	

BAILEY WEPT!

(By "GRANDSTAND")

It almost broke "Snuffy" Bailey's heart when he let go that wild pitch to score the winning run in the eighth inning of a return game in which the Tulsa, mighty Tees, were nosed out by the Rambling Recs. "A" on the Recreio ground.

Recreio outthit Tulsa 12-7 but the bluejackets outplayed the Recs. in the field, Recreio making four errors, Tulsa two.

In the seventh inning the score was tied 6-6. In the extra inning Tulsa were blanked. Recreio in their turn to bat scored when Spotty crossed the plate on a wildpitch. In this inning Johnny Alvarez was out on a foul fly for the first erasure. Charlie Figueroa was safe on first on Hoffman's wild throw; Spotty Pereira followed with a hit but Charlie was out at second. Beltrao was safe on first on Miles' muff at centre-field and Spotty advanced to third.

Chucker Bailey let go a wild one to score Spotty and to lose the game.

AT the moment of writing it looks very much as if there will be no League cricket this season. Reason is the additional Volunteer camps.

It is really rather a comic situation when one stops to consider that only a few weeks ago there was heated discussion as to whether it would be possible to increase the number of matches in First Division by having home and away fixtures.

The whole situation, however, has changed. A few months ago, while we all thought it highly possible, many could not envisage our being at war.

So far we have been affected little; our sport, along with the rest of our lives, has been affected hardly at all. Since it has been considered necessary to increase the efficiency of the Volunteer Corps, and additional calls are being made on the time of its members, it must be expected that some little sacrifices will have to be made. So far as I can see, League cricket will be one of them.

There will be some schools of thought who, in view of the appeal addressed to the Colony at the outset of the war by the authorities that every effort should be made to carry on as usual, will advocate continuing the League as arranged, to the best of our ability.

This would probably be possible if all teams were affected alike but there are some clubs whom the Volunteer camps will affect hardly at all and it is obviously these clubs which will come out on top. This would eliminate to a very great extent the factor in cricket which makes it so fascinating—"its glorious uncertainty."

It is not as if all cricket will be abandoned. Friendlies can and will be arranged to suit the convenience of clubs.

If it decided at this forthcoming meeting that the League will carry on, there will of necessity be numerous adjustments which will have to be made to fixture-lists. At this comparatively late stage of the season it will be difficult to make them all in the time available.

Although therefore, I have always been one of the strongest supporters of League cricket, I really feel that there is nothing for it but to hold it in abeyance for this season. Possibly next season, when life in Hong Kong should have more or less settled down to wartime conditions, the question might be brought up again.

THE charity hockey programme arranged for last Sunday can be considered a success in every way and its organisers are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Which opens up a possibility of more such games.

The soccer fraternity have a number of charity games on hand as it is and their season is pretty congested anyway. It seems to me, however, that there are several spheres of sport in which representative games would attract large gates.

A contemporary of mine suggested a few days ago that a charity softball game might be arranged. This, I think, is an excellent idea. Although in its infancy the popularity of this game, illustrated by the huge crowd which saw the recent Recreio-Hong Kong Ball Club tilt, is undoubted.

It is an exceedingly interesting game to watch, even to the layman eye, provided the teams know their stuff and are evenly matched, and I

SCORES AT A GLANCE:

MEN	
Canadian Chinese 9	Liga 2
Mindanao 12	Trojans 8
LADIES	
Wahoos 6	Canadian Chinese 4
H.K. Ballgirls... 12	Panthers 11
Wildcats 19	Recreio 4
FRIENDLY	
Recreio "A" 7	U.S.S. Tulsa 6

SPORTS PARADE

feel convinced that a programme similar to the hockey programme of Sunday, would be a great success.

THE arrival of Henry Eardley, current Shanghai badminton champion, was recently mentioned in these columns. It was overlooked, however, that his sister, Miss Decima Eardley, occupied in ladies' badminton in the North, quite as exalted a position as her brother.

I understand that it is fairly certain that both these players will turn out for St. John's, for whom their sister Mrs. Nance Strange already plays.

This opens up tremendous possibilities for the Cathedral team as regards championship prospects. They already have a fine team in Men's "B" Division and with a pair capable of winning all three games against the best mixed players in the Colony, there is no reason why they should not be well up with the leaders in Mixed Division at the end of the season.

It will also be interesting to see, provided Eardley is still here, how P. K. Hui, who has made a clean sweep of all Colony titles for the last two seasons, will fare against the best in Shanghai.

BADMINTON

KOWLOON TONG TROUNCED

At Bonham Road last night King's College beat Kowloon Tong by 8 games to 1 in the "B" Division of the Badminton League.

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's).	
beat N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan 21-8	
beat R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko 21-18	
beat P. B. C. Fletcher and A. E. H. Castro 21-7	
K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's).	
lost to Mackay and Chan 10-21	
beat Lee and Ko 21-13	
beat Fletcher and Castro 23-21	
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's).	
beat Lee and Mackay 21-15	
beat Lee and Ko 21-14	
beat Fletcher and Castro 21-14	

Yachting Results

The following were the results of a sweepstake race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday:

	Finished	Pos.
La Linda 16.34.06	1	
(Mrs. M. I. Johnstone).		
Red Shank 16.34.47	2	
(Mrs. M. N. Luce).		
True Blue 16.35.29	3	
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson).		
Jean 16.35.37	4	
(Mrs. V. Gowlland).		
Isobel 16.38.57	5	
(Capt. M. G. Neve).		
Guri 16.40.49	6	
(Miss L. G. Heiberg).		

FOOTBALL

JUNIOR SHIELD REPLAY TO-MORROW

The Preliminary Round replay between Royal Scots and 8th Royal Artillery will be played to-morrow at Sookunpoo at 2.15 p.m.

As Sookunpoo is being used for Rugby on Saturday the First Division game between Middlesex and Royal Scots will be played to-morrow on the same ground at 4 p.m.

(Continued from next Column)

H.K. Ball	R. H. E.
Girls ... 3 0 4 1 1 0 2 12 3 7	
Panthers ... 0 1 2 1 1 6 0 11 7 6	

THERESE NORONHA'S FEAT

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Connecting for 20 solid blows off finger Anna Noronha, Wildcats overwhelmed a disorganised Ramblerette squad 19-4.

If Lily Mar stayed on the mound till the end I have no doubt that it would have been a shutout for the Recreio gala. Lily performed like a million dollars on the mound for Wildcats fanning eight and walking one. She only yielded one hit in six innings and held the enemy to no runs.

In the last canto Pam Young took over the assignment and allowed the Recs to score four runs on four hits.

The Mar sisters had a good day both on the field and with the bat.

Dorle, besides clouting a homer, played a great game behind the plate. Her throwing to second was perfect and sister Gloria, taking the throw at the keystone bag, was equally brilliant.

Gloria was tops with the willow wand with five bingles in five trips to the pan. Mary Mar came through with a double and two singles in five times to bat.

Hilda Soares, a rookie in the Recreio line-up, showed her veteran team-mates a thing or two with the stick. Playing her first League game she hit two of the five hits credited to her team.

The Ramblerettes have never played so badly and to say that they play like bushers is putting it very mildly.

Wildcats	R. H. E.
9 3 4 0 0 0 3 19 20 3	
Recreio .. 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 4 5 4	

THERESE NORONHA AGAIN

Limiting the opposition to one bingle Therese Noronha chalked up another victory for her team when the Wahoos subdued Canadian Chinese 6-4. This is the first time a one hitter was chucked by any female pitcher locally.

Mary Louie pitched a grand game for the losers whiffing eight and walking three, but seven costly errors and poor stick work by her team-mates proved their downfall.

The "Canucks," who are reputed to be "hot stuff" this year, made a very poor showing indeed. They looked bewildered and blew up in the critical moments.

Coach Bill Woo's attitude whenever her girls booted may have had something to do with their playing! Anyway Bill did his best but his signals may have been mixed or something. On the other hand the green-shirted owls played a very consistent game with four miscues and the same number of hits.

The "Maple Leafs" started the scoring with two tallies in the first canto, while the Wahoos were blanked in this inning. Wahoos scored one run in the second and another in the third to knot the score. The green-shirts scored two more in the fourth to take the lead. In the sixth the Canadians scored two more on two muffs by centre-fielder Rozy, but two more tallies in the sixth clinched the game for Wahoos.

Longest hit of the game was a triple by Rozy to bring in Jacky Anderson.

Wahoos	R. H. E.
0 1 1 2 0 2 0 6 4 4	
C.C.C. 2 0 0 0 0 2 0 4 1 7	

BALL GIRLS LUCKY

Hong Kong Ball Girls were lucky to nose out Baby Panthers 12-11. Both teams played loose ball and it was anybody's game till the last inning. Ball Girls booted seven, Panthers eight.

Hong Kong Ball Girls took an early lead with three runs in the initial frame. Panthers rallied to chalk up six runs in the sixth to reverse the issue and it looked as if the game was in the bag for the Babes; their lead was short-lived. Ball girls came back strongly in the last inning to score three runs on two well placed bingles and a walk to nose out the opposition.

M. Campos homered for Panthers and K. Bowen replied for Ball girls. Other long hits were a two banger each for Cecilia Marques and Gloria Small and a fly ball for Betty.

It is a really depressing fact that cannot be ignored—rough play is gradually coming into its own again in local football.

A few years ago it was necessary for the referees and officials of games to take very strong action to remedy this complaint, which was predominant at the time, and, although they succeeded in doing so for a couple of years, the cure was not apparently permanent. It is quite possible that if matters get any worse, or the present conditions continue, a general tightening up will once more be ordered by the H.K.F.A. Council.

Army teams are no worse than the civilians in this respect, but it cannot be denied that they do indulge in rough play on occasions, sometimes without much provocation. A soldier is always rather an inflammable character and it does not take a lot on the football field to upset him.

This last week-end produced two games, in both of which Army sides were taking part, which were very bad examples of sportsmanship. Odd games or two of this nature are bound to crop up, but they should always be the exception rather than the rule and a 'dirty' player's game is always a losing one in the end.

It should not be necessary for H.K.F.A. to have to take action in this matter and I feel that if sides go on to the field with the idea that they are going to play clean and fair it will do a lot to alleviate the situation. It

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

the opposing team sees that no retaliation is forthcoming to the first two or three little fouls there will quite probably be no further provocation from them. The first quarter of an hour often determines the course of a whole game in this respect and a little taking and no giving in this period might do a world of good.

Whilst on the subject of sportsmanship, I was fortunate in seeing on Saturday one of the cleanest games I can remember. I do not think the referee had to use his whistle for a deliberate foul throughout the game. The game in question was that between Royal Scots and Kowloon in Second Division. For three parts of the game the soldiers were all over their opponents and yet could not score goals, which must have been most annoying to the players. Nevertheless they did not lose their heads and as a result a really sound and sporting game was seen.

THE teams for the first Army trial matches have been selected and from them I foresee that the selection committee, who will be asked to be present at the games of course, are go-

ing to have a hard job deciding what is what! The sides have been evenly selected with one or two new players intermixed with some seasoned campaigners. A good example of this is the forward line on the Reds' side in the second trial. The line reads, Coughlan (R.A.O.C.), Pearson (Middlesex), Glen (R.A.S.C.), Saw (Middlesex) and Lowe (R.E.). Both Pearson and Saw know local Army football inside out; both are in dazzling form at the moment and there is no doubt that Coughlan, Glen, and Lowe will not want for respectable passes.

The teams are:—

FIRST TRIAL

Colours:—Purdue (R.A.); Cooper (Middlex.); Lawton (R.A.); Garside

(R.A.M.C.), Brukenberry (Signals), Nouch (R.E.); Owens (R.A.), Pelham (R.E.), Tait (Middlex.), Young (R.A.S.C.), Craven (R.A.).

Whites:—Kennard (Signals); Hodgson (R.A.); Taylor (Signals); Smart (R.A.S.C.); Falconer (Scots); Parry (Signals); Marshall (R.A.), Marlin (R.A.S.C.), Munton (R.A.O.C.), Fleming (Scots), Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

SECOND TRIAL

Reds:—Moxham (R.E.); Hills (R.A.S.C.), Sheehan (Middlex.); Rides (R.A.O.C.), Bright (Middlex.), Winstanley (R.A.); Coughlan (R.A.O.C.), Pearson (Middlex.), Glen (R.A.S.C.), Saw (Middlex.), Lowe (R.E.).

Whites:—Smith (R.A.M.C.); Naysmith (Scots); Doyle (R.A.); Freshwater (Middlex.); Guy (R.A.), Wilkinson (Middlex.); Munro, Gordon, Hossack (Scots), Flanders (R.A.) and Husband (Signals).

Although there may be alterations due to various reasons before the 20th when the trials are due to take place, I believe the above sides will take the field practically as selected.

STANCE AND GRIP

By BEST BALL

A comfortable, relaxed, well balanced stance for the drive seems to be a requisite for the successful golfer as the three illustrations above testify. Each position allows the golfer to make



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He declared that to save was a national duty during war-time, and that soldiers' and workers' savings should be protected.

Observers here consider that the speech confirms reports of the German population's uneasiness regarding the Government's ability to maintain sound finances.—Havas.

UNREST IN JAPANESE MINDS

TOKYO, TO-DAY.
THE JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YESTERDAY REQUESTED THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE URGENT MEASURES REGARDING THE SUPPLY OF DAILY NECESSITIES TO THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS INDISPENSABLE TO INDUSTRY.

The lack of smoothness in the distribution of rice and other commodities, it was pointed out, is causing unrest in the minds of the people, while the lack of supplies and ma-

CHINA'S POSITION AT GENEVA

London, To-day.

The British Press calls attention sympathically to China's position at Geneva and the decision not to vote on the Russo-Finnish question.

The "News Chronicle" says that many states are forced to look towards their own interests rather than uphold principles.

China certainly has no sympathy for aggressors but does not dare alienate Russia, whose continued help against Japan is vital to her.

The fact that the League failed to expel Japan and Italy when they violated the Covenant does not necessarily mean that such a course should not be followed now, inconsistent though it would be. But it would be quite improper to expel Russia because she is a Bolshevik state rather than because she is an aggressor.

What the League can do is to condemn Russian aggression in unmistakable terms and urge all members to give help to Finland. The League is not in a position to exercise influence militarily to-day, but it is consolidating an attitude among nations which one day will give birth to an international body possessing authority and power to take decisive action against aggression where-ever it may occur.—Reuter.

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Bombay, To-day.

Option dealings in cotton have been declared void under an Act enacted by the Government of Bombay to-day. The Act empowers Government to make by-laws for recognised associations. An explanatory note says Government has decided to introduce certain rules in respect of excessive fluctuations in prices in any one day and will deposit the difference in cases where fluctuations reach prescribed limits.—Reuter.

For the purpose of the A.R.P. Daylight Exercise on Sunday, Hong Kong is "at war" with an enemy country from to-day. Redland (Hong Kong) has mobilised its military forces and instituted submarine and aircraft patrols to give warning of any sudden air raid by Blueland (the enemy).

Two buildings were damaged by fire near the Fung Keong Rubber Works, Shauiwan, shortly after 2 p.m. to-day. Three appliances from the Wanchai Fire Station and one from the Central Fire Station were sent to the scene. The outbreak was under control by 3 p.m. No one was injured.

SERVICE FOR LATE MARSHAL WU

Peiping, To-day.

A memorial service will be held for Marshal Wu Pei-fu, the veteran Chinese war-lord who died last week, on January 7, and the funeral service on January 21, it is reported locally.

Wang Ching-wei has sent a message of condolence to Marshal Wu's family.—Reuter.

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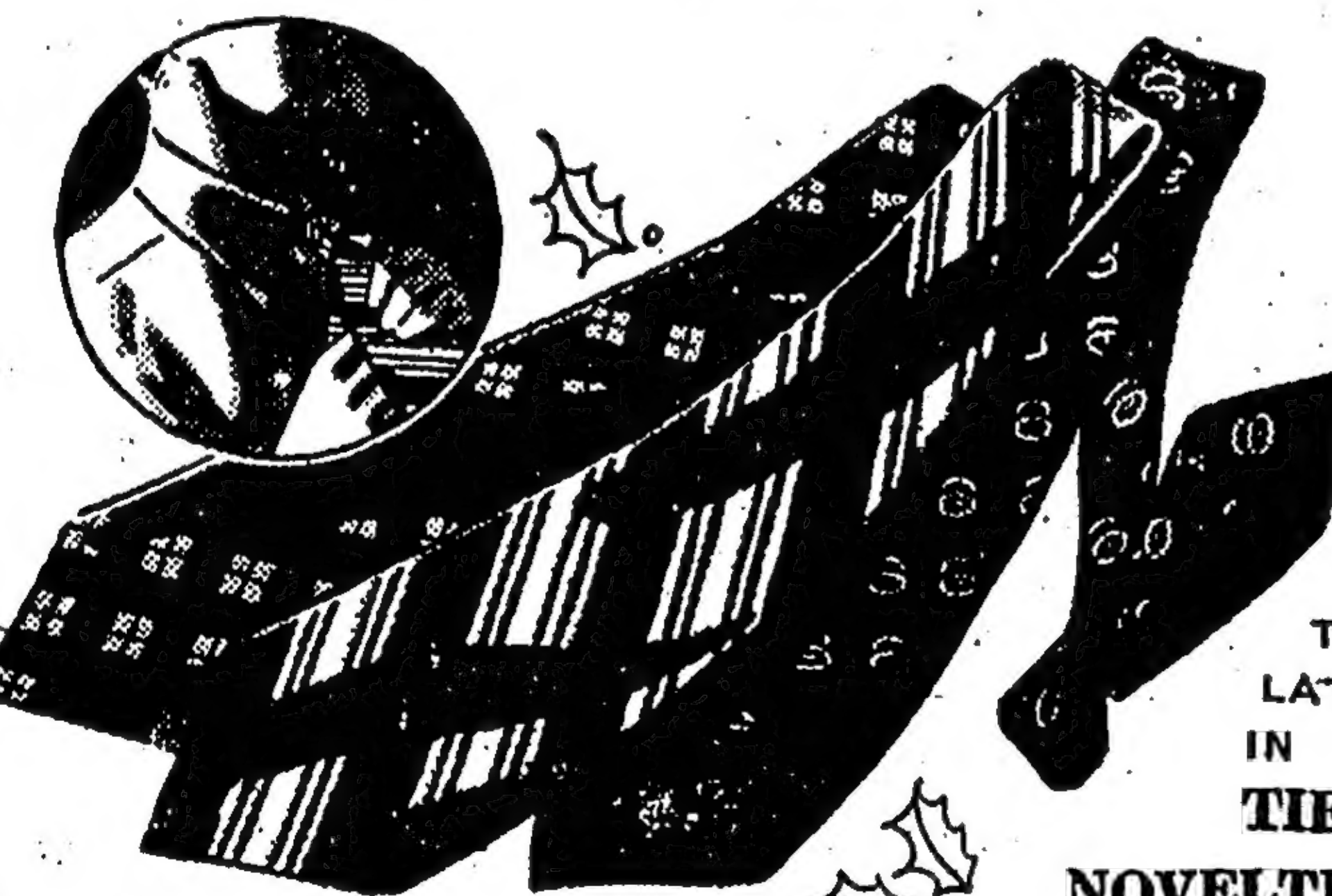
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